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## CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS†

### The Physician and Selective Service\*

... The question is, What is our job in Selective Service? It is procurement of man power—the registration, classification and examination leading to the induction within the next five years of 4,400,000 men for service with the Army. It is the classification of facts relative to approximately 16,500,000 registrants which should reveal a cross-section of the social and economic status and the health of the younger men of the country. From this group we are to examine, physically, mentally and morally, about 6,600,000 and, if fortunate, turn over to the Army 4,400,000 in the course of five years. What is our *modus operandi*? We operate through local boards. Examining physicians determine the physical fitness of registrants, assisted by medical advisory boards made up of ten physicians. In the event of dissatisfaction, appeal is made to an appeal board, and medicine is also represented on this board. This system of local boards throughout the country is decentralized and directed from state headquarters. National headquarters in Washington, D. C., is concerned chiefly with matters of guidance, policy, and administration. What is our most effective working unit? The local board really does the work, makes the decisions and sends the men to the Army. These number about 6,400 with some 18,000 examining physicians, all of whom are functioning on a voluntary basis and without pay. . . .

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### Priorities in Spending

... We are hearing a great deal, and necessarily so, of priorities. That is to say, certain kinds of things are held to be more essential than other things which are desirable but not indispensable. Those items which are

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\* From an address by Col. Leonard G. Rowntree, M. D., Chief of the Medical Division, Selective Service System, Washington, D. C.

Presented at the Thirty-Seventh Annual Congress on Medical Education and Licensure, Chicago, February 17, 1941.

given priority must be produced and distributed whether other goods, which are equally desirable or even more useful in normal times, are available or not. For example, we are all aware of the drive to collect aluminum and of the severe restrictions upon the use of aluminum in manufacture, except for defense purposes. That is only the most widely advertised instance, but it is typical of many, many others not so well publicized. Everyone recognizes that a system of priorities is essential, that it is inescapable and that it would be a great mistake to try to get along without it. . . .

The above comments are of interest in connection with a letter received from Edwin L. Bruck, M.D., of San Francisco. The attention of the American Medical Association was called thereto, and in the minutes of a trustees' meeting (*The Journal of the American Medical Association*, November 22, page 1808) note is made that the subject of "Priorities" was given consideration. Doctor Bruck's letter follows:

(COPY)

Dear Doctor Kress:

Enclosed you will find a copy of "Chapter LX, Office of Production Management, subchapter B—Priorities Division, Part 958, Repairs, maintenance, and supplies. Preference Rating Order F-22, Amended."

You will notice that, by definition, a producer, as defined by this group of rules, does not include in it any place, anyone who might practice medicine as a private practitioner—or anyone maintaining the health of the general public, who would be paying for the maintenance of their general health.

We are not able to find any place in this rule, evidence that a private practitioner may be able to purchase necessary supplies for laboratory work, and at the present time Braun, Knecht and Heimann of San Francisco, from whom we buy our laboratory supplies, have told us that it would be impossible in the future to obtain such supplies unless we were able to show evidence of priority certificate of some sort.

You will note that in Section E, No. 1, "Application of Preference Rating," that we have outlined that which is necessary to accompany all orders to purchase the smallest laboratory supply. And in this we would be subject to penalty, as outlined in Section J, were it not for the fact that we were ordering materials for maintenance, repair, or operating supplies.

It seems to me that there should be from the Office of Production Management in Washington, inclusion in the rules and regulations of practitioners of private medicine, as well as all the other individuals rated as producers.

It also seems to me that maintenance of the public health by any means including the private practice of medicine which of course takes care of the greater part of the public health—and as incomes increase will take care of more and more of the public health—that those individuals practicing in this fashion should have at least the same preference rating and the same ability to purchase necessary laboratory and office supplies, as clinics, hospitals, charitable institutions, educational institutions, sanatoriums—public, private, or combined; and that such provision should be made so that all would fall into the same category, and that all of us be allowed to purchase these supplies legally and without question of doubt.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) EDWIN L. BRUCK, M.D.

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Office of Civilian Defense  
Washington, D. C.

October 27, 1941.

Medical Division Memorandum No. 1\*

Subject: Advanced First Aid for Civilian Defense

The United States Director of Civilian Defense has urged all communities to spread knowledge of first aid as widely as possible among the people. Competent instructors qualified by the American Red Cross are required for training Civilian Defense workers, employees of industrial plants, business establishments and Government bureaus. For this purpose, physicians should register as instructors with the local Red Cross Chapter and should employ the "Instructor's Outline" for the standard course (twenty hours), prepared by the American National Red Cross in

collaboration with the Medical Division of the Office of Civilian Defense and published by the American Red Cross. Upon completion of this course, participants will be entitled to receive the First Aid Certificate of the Red Cross and be authorized to wear the appropriate insignia.

Copies of "Advanced First Aid for Civilian Defense" are obtainable for free distribution by application to the Regional Director or Regional Medical Officer in your Civilian Defense region. For copies of the "Instructor's Outline" (twenty-hour course), applications should be addressed to the local Red Cross Chapter.

GEORGE BAEHR, M. D.,  
Chief Medical Officer.

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### Health Education Consultants to Be Assigned to Key Defense Areas

A vital part of this nation's "all out" defense effort is the safeguarding of its health. The rapid growth in industrial and governmental production has caused unusual concentrations of population and increasing health problems. To assist state, county, and local health officials in coping with these problems, the United States Public Health Service is planning to appoint health education consultants to various defense areas. The positions, paying \$2,600 to \$3,800 a year, will be filled through the open competitive examination process and the Federal Civil Service Commission has just issued the examination announcement. A written test will not be given, but applicants will be rated on their qualifications as shown in their applications and corroborative evidence. . . .

Applications must be filed with the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D. C., not later than December 11, 1941. The examination announcement giving detailed requirements can be consulted or obtained at any first- or second-class post office or at the central office in Washington, D. C.

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### No Mass-Production Doctors

No group is working harder for American defense than private medicine. Doctors by the thousands have entered the military services. Selectees for our great new army are examined by local doctors who receive no payments whatsoever. The American Medical Association has pledged its fullest cooperation, and its members are fulfilling that pledge.

However, out of justice to the public, the medical fraternity must oppose proposals which it believes would have a dangerous effect on the national health. In a recent editorial, *The Journal of the American Medical Association* says, "It should not be necessary to argue that a continuing and undiminished supply of well-trained physicians is absolutely essential to the welfare of the nation. We cannot speed up that training beyond a certain point without lowering educational standards and degrading the quality of medical service. The present crisis demands, in fact, better qualified physicians if we are to face the future with reasonable confidence."

Doctors cannot be turned out like machines, on a mass-production basis. To substantially reduce the length of time given to medical training would have far-reaching effects on the public health in the future. This country has the finest physicians in the world—and the main reason is that it has the finest schools of medicine. Unless the strictest standards of medical training continue to prevail, the health of this nation cannot help but suffer severely.—*San Mateo Times and Leader*, October 17.

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### Some Facts About the Enemy

It is plain truth that syphilis and gonorrhea are among the gravest dangers which threaten national health and strength. Syphilis alone has caused more deaths than all the wars in history, more suffering than all the wounds of battle. Like war, it cuts men off in their prime. Like modern warfare, it does not spare women and children. No one knows how to measure the harm done by gonorrhea. Several times more prevalent than syphilis, it cripples limbs, prevents parenthood, blinds babies.

Both these diseases are chief causes of sick report and disability in the Army and Navy. They rank high among

\* For Bulletin, see *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, August 30, 1941, on page 793.

the reasons for failure of 50 per cent of Selective Service candidates to pass the physical examinations given by local Draft Boards and Army physicians. In industry they cause loss of time and hamper efficiency—keep workers and machines idle, or cause costly accidents and errors.

Medical reports show that syphilis and gonorrhea are nearly always acquired through sexual contact—and more often commercialized prostitutes than from any other source.

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#### Estimated Dental Care Needed by Draft Rejectees

To make eligible for selective service 188,000 young men rejected for dental deficiencies, some 700,000 hours' work by dentists would be necessary.

This was estimated by Dr. Willard C. Fleming, dean of the University of California's College of Dentistry, who said that much dental time would be required if the Government carried out suggestions to rehabilitate young men rejected for selective service.

Dean Fleming pointed out that this would mean that an average of about three and a half hours would be spent on each man by a dentist. He emphasized that this would be the minimum of time which would be needed to equip men to fill minimum requirements of selective service. To give them adequate dental care would require a great deal more work, Doctor Fleming said.

Twenty per cent of the men rejected for selective service were rejected for dental deficiencies. Dean Fleming said that most of these men probably could meet requirements with some dental care.

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#### Rehabilitation Spread Urged

Brigadier-General J. O. Donovan, State Director of Selective Service, said recently he believed and hoped that an announced plan for remedial dental work for rejected selective service registrants would be extended to include treatment for other physical defects causing rejection, according to a United Press dispatch from Sacramento.

General Donovan said that approximately 50 per cent of California registrants so far have been rejected for physical reasons. Of these, he said, about 60 per cent had defects which could be remedied.

He said he had advanced a plan whereby the selective service office would take over SRA camps in California to which rejected men could be admitted voluntarily for physical rehabilitation. He said he believed federal funds could be obtained for maintenance if the State Department of Finance approved use of the camps.

General Donovan added that President Roosevelt had been so enthusiastic about rehabilitation that he was sure a complete program would be worked out.

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#### San Francisco Bay Area to Have Draft Test Center

Medical examination centers for draft registrants will be set up in thirteen California cities under a new selective service system designed to cut down on Army rejections of selectees.

Brigadier-General J. O. Donovan, Director of Selective Service, said Army examiners would combine former primary and final physical examinations at the centers, minimizing the possibility of a selectee who had passed his draft board test being turned down by the Army after he had severed civilian ties.

Permanent centers are to be established at San Francisco and Los Angeles. Temporary centers will be established at Sacramento, Fresno, Redding, Marysville, Stockton, Santa Rosa, San Jose, Bakersfield, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, and San Diego.

Army officials have complained that under the old double examination system, rejections of selectees approved by local boards have been running as high as 11 per cent. Donovan said many rejectees had disposed of their businesses or resigned from their jobs, expecting to be inducted into the Army.

Under the new system, Donovan explained, if registrants pass the Army test, Class 1-A selectees will be called to report directly to reception centers within sixty days. The induction station procedure would be eliminated.

Civilian medical boards will continue to operate in the sparsely populated areas, Donovan said.

The new examination system was worked out by national headquarters of the selective service. Donovan said it would be established in other states of the Ninth Corps area—Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Nevada—if it worked satisfactorily in California.

#### Draftees in Better Condition Than Men of 1917

Dr. Morris Fishbein declared recently that men of military age now are in better physical condition than those of similar age in 1917.

The editor of *The Journal of the American Medical Association* said that, despite opinions to the contrary, there has been a constant improvement in the health of Americans.

"The majority of evidence now available seems to establish certainly that the men now being inducted into our army are of an exceedingly high grade of physical fitness," he said.

Doctor Fishbein said that although there has been a much more rigid examination and higher standards, the rejection rate is approximately the same as in 1917.

His conclusions, published in *Hygeia*, along with a report of Lieutenant-Colonel Amos R. Koontz, Medical Director of the Maryland Selective Service System, showed:

The average stature of men is greater now than in 1917, suggesting adequate nutrition.

Army rejections for tuberculosis were about one-third of what they were in the World War.

There have been fewer cases of virtually all diseases in army camps.

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC POLICY AND LEGISLATION†

### Concerning Error in Article in "Journal of the American Medical Association"—Re: *Émigré Physicians*

*The Journal of the American Medical Association*, in its issue of November 29, 1941 (p. 1881) prints a seven-page article, "The *Émigré Physician* in America, 1941."

On page 1887, left column, seventh paragraph, appears this statement:

"A bill was recently passed in California which would deny the license even to a California native son who happens to be a graduate of a foreign school, unless the country in which the school is located extends reciprocity to Americans. This would bar the foreign-educated competent citizen physician, native or foreign-born, from California forever. This is, indeed, chauvinistic legislation of the most deplorable type. How it can be construed to be in the interests of the public welfare is difficult to see."

To keep the record correct, the attention of the sponsors of the article is called to the exact language of the new law (Chapter 751 to amend Section 2193 of the Business and Professions Code of California).

Perusal of the following shows that *The Journal of the American Medical Association* article is in error. *The law does not apply to citizens of California* who received their degrees abroad.

Excerpt follows:

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 1475 (NOW CHAPTER 751)

*An act to amend Section 2193 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to applications for a physician's and surgeon's certificate by graduates of foreign medical schools.*

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 2193 of the Business and Professions Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2193. An applicant, whose application is based on a diploma issued to him by a foreign medical school approved by the Board, except a Canadian school, shall furnish documentary evidence, satisfactory to the Board, that: . . .

. . . (e) If the applicant is not a citizen of the United States, the country in which he has been licensed to practice medicine and surgery will admit to practice therein citizens of the United States upon proof of prior admission to practice medicine and surgery in some state of the United States or upon proof of matters similar to those required in this section for graduates of foreign medical schools.

† Component County Societies and California Medical Association members should not give endorsements to proposed legislation unless the California Medical Association Committee on Public Policy and Legislation has so requested. On such matters, address: California Medical Association Committee on Legislation, Dwight Murray, M. D., Chairman, 450 Sutter, San Francisco. Telephone, DOUGLAS 0062.

## COMMITTEE ON POSTGRADUATE ACTIVITIES†

### San Bernardino County Medical Society: Two-Day Postgraduate Conference

A two-day postgraduate conference was held at the San Bernardino County Hospital on December 11 and 12. The program consisted of pediatric clinics.

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### Orange County Medical Society: Postgraduate Conference

On December 10, a clinical session was held in the Orange County Hospital in the morning, commencing at 10 a. m., and in the evening pediatric clinics were carried on at the St. Joseph Hospital.

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### Imperial County Medical Society: Refresher Course

A refresher course was held at El Centro on December 9, under the auspices of the Imperial County Medical Society. The program consisted of a series of pediatric clinics.

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### University of California Medical School Starts Cyclotron Course

To stimulate the application of one of medicine's newest and most important "set of tools," the department of medicine of the University of California Medical School has instituted an open course on the atom-smashing cyclotron and its products.

The course is probably the first of its kind ever given for a large group of medical men. Instructors are members of the staff of the University of California Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley. The cyclotron was invented by Professor E. O. Lawrence, Nobel Prize winner and head of the laboratory.

Institution of the course is a recognition that the use of the cyclotron and its products have definitely proved their worth and are ready for general use in biology and medicine.

Development of the cyclotron in medical and biological research has been under the direction of Dr. John H. Lawrence, assistant professor of medicine in the Medical School and brother of the inventor. The University of California has been the leader in this research, and its 225-ton atom-smasher, the most powerful in the world, is called the Medical Cyclotron.

The cyclotron produces radioactive elements, which give off rays somewhat as radium does. These rays make it possible to trace the elements in the body. Since the elements take part in life processes, these heretofore mysterious processes can be carefully studied. The cyclotron and radioactive elements have also been found useful in the treatment of certain types of tumors and diseases of the blood.

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### University of California Postgraduate Course

The University of California Medical School, Medical Center, San Francisco, on January 5 to 7, 1942, will conduct a postgraduate session for doctors of medicine in general practice on Clinical Aspects of New Therapy.

The course will be in charge of Stacy R. Mettler, M. D., Associate Professor of Medicine. Tuition fee: \$20.

† Requests concerning clinical conferences, guest speakers, and other information, should be sent to the California Medical Association headquarters office, 450 Sutter, San Francisco, in care of the Association Secretary, who is secretary ex officio of the Committee on Postgraduate Activities.

*Registration:* Physicians may register by mail. Please send checks (payable to the Regents of the University of California) to the Dean's Office, University of California Medical School, Medical Center, San Francisco. In order that arrangements may be made, it is desirable that all checks be received by the Dean's Office not later than January 2, 1942. Any physician who is unable to register by mail before that date is requested to register and pay his fee at the Dean's Office of the Medical School, Room 145, Clinics Building, The Medical Center, San Francisco, between 8:30 and 9 a. m. on January 5, 1942.

This short comprehensive course is designed to meet the needs of physicians engaged in private practice. Many of the discussions will be illustrated by patients, lantern slides or other material.

Physicians enrolled in the course will be welcome to use the facilities of the Medical School Library.

Program follows:

Monday, January 5, 1942

#### *Symposium on Chemotherapy*

##### *Sulfonamide Drugs*

- 9:00 a. m.—Chauncey D. Leake, Ph. D.—Pharmacological Aspects of the Sulfonamides.
- 9:30 a. m.—John W. Brown, M. D.—The Use of Sulfonamide Drugs in the Treatment of Pneumonia.
- 10:00 a. m.—Lewis F. Morrison, M. D.—Sulfonamide Drugs in the Treatment of Ear, Nose, and Throat Conditions.
- 10:30 a. m.—H. Glenn Bell, M. D.—Use of Sulfonamide Drugs in Surgical Conditions.
- 11:00 a. m.—Clark M. Johnson, M. D.—The Use and Abuse of Sulfonamide Drugs in Genito-Urinary Infections.
- 11:30 a. m.—Edwin L. Bruck, M. D.—Abnormal Reactions in the Use of Sulfonamide Drugs.

#### *Symposium on Drugs Used on Central Nervous System*

- 1:30 p. m.—Hubert R. Hathaway, M. D.—The Effects of Sedative and Pain-Relieving Drugs on the Respiratory System.
- 2:00 p. m.—Paul A. Glibe, M. D.—Drugs of Value in Psychiatry.
- 2:45 p. m.—Douglas M. Kelley, M. D.—Therapy of Mental Illness by Shock Treatments (Insulin, Metrazol, Electric Shock).
- 3:45 p. m.—Chauncey D. Leake, Ph. D.—Drugs Affecting the Autonomic Nervous System.

Tuesday, January 6, 1942

#### *Endocrine Therapy*

- 9:00 a. m.—Evelyn Anderson Haymaker, M. D.—Organotherapy in Diseases of the Adrenal Gland.
- 9:30 a. m.—H. Clare Shepardson, M. D.—The Advantages of Protamine Zinc and Crystalline Insulin in the Treatment of Diabetes Mellitus.
- 10:00 a. m.—H. Clare Shepardson, M. D.—Modern Management of Diabetic Coma.
- 10:30 a. m.—Hans Lissner, M. D.—Advances in Ovarian Therapy by the Use of Stilbestrol and Estradiol Dipropionate.
- 11:00 a. m.—Hans Lissner, M. D.—Indications for and Modes of Administering Testosterone Compounds in the Male.
- 11:30 a. m.—Roberto F. Escamilla, M. D.—Laboratory Aids in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Endocrine Disorders.

#### *Symposium on Nutrition*

- 1:30 p. m.—Salvatore P. Lucia, M. D., and Nina Simmonds, Sc. D.—A Demonstration of Racial Food Habits in Relation to Treatment.
- 3:30 p. m.—Fred H. Kruse, M. D.—Indications for Use and Choice of Drugs in Gastro-Intestinal Disorders.

Wednesday, January 7, 1942

- 9:00 a. m.—Alfred C. Reed, M. D.—Treatment of Parasitic Infestations of Intestinal Tract.
- 10:00 a. m.—Norman N. Epstein, M. D.—The Chemotherapy of Early Syphilis.
- 11:00 a. m.—Stacy R. Mettler, M. D.—Gold Therapy in the Treatment of Arthritis.
- 11:30 a. m.—John J. Sampson, M. D.—The Use of Potassium Salts in Cardiac Diseases.
- 1:30 p. m.—Francis L. Chamberlain, M. D.—The Present Status of Diuretics and Their Clinical Use.
- 2:15 p. m.—Gordon E. Hein, M. D.—Review of Cardiac Drugs.
- 3:00 p. m.—Maurice Sokolow, M. D.—Recent Concepts of Therapy of Peripheral Circulatory Collapse.

3:30 p. m.—John H. Lawrence, M. D.—Artificial Radio-activity in Medicine.

All sessions will meet in Toland Hall, First Floor, University of California Hospital, Medical Center.

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### Southern California Medical Association

The one hundred and fifth semi-annual meeting of the Southern California Medical Association was held on November 14 and 15, 1941, at the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena.

The session was held under the supervision of the following officers:

Alvin G. Foord, Pasadena, President; Raymond A. Sands, Santa Monica, Vice-President; Murriel L. Ilsley, Claremont, Second Vice-President; Edward W. Boland, Los Angeles, Secretary-Treasurer.

Councilors—John B. Doyle, Los Angeles; William H. Barrow, San Diego; John C. Ruddock, Los Angeles; Alvin G. Foord, ex officio; Edward W. Boland, ex officio.

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Program of the two-day session follows:

#### Friday Afternoon Session

November 14, 2 p. m.

Geriatric Aspects of Otolaryngology—Victor Goodhill, Los Angeles.

Discussion by A. G. Pohlman and Fred H. Linthicum, both of Los Angeles.

The Inhibition of Lactation by the Use of Stilbesterol—B. J. Hanley, Los Angeles.

Discussion by S. J. Becka, Los Angeles; Norman H. Williams, Beverly Hills.

Criteria for the Diagnosis of Non-Dermatologic Fungous Infections—Charles E. Smith, San Francisco, Professor of Public Health, Stanford University School of Medicine.

Relation of Fecoliths to Appendicitis—William Tennison, Arcadia.

Discussion by Carl F. Doehring, Pasadena; Finis G. Cooper, Huntington Park.

Seasonal Surgery—Ross Moore, Los Angeles.

Discussion by Harold Lincoln Thompson and Ralph V. Byrne, both of Los Angeles.

#### Friday Evening Session

November 14, 8 p. m.

The Current Status of Coccidioidal Infections—Dr. Charles E. Smith, Professor of Public Health, Stanford University School of Medicine.

The Present Status of Virus Infections—Dr. Karl Meyer, Director of the Hooper Foundation for Medical Research, University of California, School of Medicine.

#### Saturday Morning Session

November 15, 10 a. m.

#### SYMPOSIUM—OBSCURE FEVERS

Obscure Fevers of Pulmonary and Thoracic Origin—Carl R. Howson, Los Angeles.

Obscure Fevers of Urologic Origin—Ben D. Massey, Pasadena.

Obscure Fevers of Cardiovascular Origin—Frank R. Nuzum, Santa Barbara.

Obscure Fevers from the Surgeon's Standpoint—Leroy B. Sherry, Pasadena.

The Infectious Fevers—Albert G. Bower, Glendale.  
Moderator—Dr. Karl Meyer, Director of the Hooper Foundation for Medical Research, University of California.  
12:00 noon—Business meeting.

#### Saturday Afternoon Session

November 15, 2 p. m.

Urinary Infections in Women—Rosemary Shoemaker, Los Angeles.

Discussion by Frederick A. Bennetts and Walter R. Fieseler, both of Los Angeles.

Dissecting Aneurysms of the Aorta—Thomas H. Brem, Los Angeles.

Discussion by William Nance Anderson, Los Angeles; Albert H. Elliott, Santa Barbara.

Recent Advances in Chemotherapy: Sulfadiazine and Sulfaguanidine—William R. Gibson, Los Angeles.

Discussion by Louis E. Martin and Morris H. Nathan-son, both of Los Angeles.

The Character of Pain in Appendicitis—Arthur Pattison, Pasadena.

Discussion by Ray B. McCarty, Riverside; Edward C. Pallette, Los Angeles.

The Etiology and Treatment of Incontinence of Urine in Women—Franklin Farman, Los Angeles.

Discussion by Walter F. Pritchard, San Bernardino.

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### Southern California Medical Association

Dr. Ray B. McCarty of Riverside was elected president of the Southern California Medical Association at a closing session of the group's recent two-day convention at the Huntington Hotel. He succeeded Dr. Alvin G. Foord of Pasadena.

Others elected were Dr. John Ball of Santa Ana, vice-president, and Dr. Nelson Paul Anderson, Los Angeles, secretary-treasurer. Los Angeles was selected for the Association's spring meeting.

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### Butte County Society Host to District Meet

Medical men of Chico and members of the Butte-Glenn County Medical Society will play host here today and tomorrow to nearly one hundred members of the Eighth Councilor District of the California Medical Association.

The conclave, a postgraduate conference, will convene at 2 p. m. when registration begins at Hotel Oaks, at which some of the most distinguished members of the medical profession in California will be presented.

#### Conference Opens

The postgraduate conference will begin at 3 p. m., at which Dr. Charles Benninger, Oroville, President of the Butte-Glenn County Medical Society, will preside.

Papers on advances in the medical profession will be given by Dr. Maurice Tainter, Professor of Pharmacology, Stanford University School of Medicine; Dr. Stacy R. Mettler, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of California Medical School; Dr. Carleton Mathewson, Jr., Associate Professor of Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine.

#### Deuel to Speak

At the 7:30 p. m. banquet, Senator Charles H. Deuel will speak and at 9 p. m. entertainment will begin.

The second scientific meeting of the postgraduate conference will begin at 9 a. m. Speakers will include: Dr. Stacy R. Mettler, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of California Medical School; Dr. Carleton Mathewson, Jr., and Dr. Maurice Tainter. Dr. J. O. Chiapella, Chico, will be chairman of the group.

Dr. Frank A. MacDonald of Sacramento, Councilor, Eighth District, will preside at the luncheon organization meeting at 1:00 p. m. Speakers will include: Dr. Henry S. Rogers, President of the California Medical Association; Dr. William R. Molony, President-Elect of the California Medical Association; Dr. George H. Kress, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Medical Association; John Hunton, Executive Secretary of the California Medical Association; Ben H. Read, Executive Secretary, Public Health League of California.—Chico Record, November 1.

## C.M.A. CANCER COMMISSION†

### Semi-Annual Microscopic Conference

The semi-annual Microscopic Pathology Conference of the Cancer Commission will be held in the Science Building of the University of Southern California, University Avenue and Thirty-Six Street Place, Los Angeles, on Sunday, December 14, at 9:30 a. m. Case histories and sample slides should be sent to Dr. Roy Hammack, 657 South West lake Avenue, Los Angeles, for consideration by the committee, and reservations for the conference should be made through Dr. Otto H. Pflueger, 384 Post Street, San Francisco.

The committee in charge of the conference consists of Dr. Roy Hammack (chairman), Dr. Ernest Hall, and Dr. Newton Evans.

† For roster of members of the Cancer Commission of the California Medical Association, see page 2 in the front advertising section (bottom of the second column).

### Records of Five-Year Cures of Cancer

The American College of Surgeons, 40 East Erie Street, Chicago, is continuing to solicit for its Cancer Archives records of five-year cures of cancer. By the term "five-year cure" is meant those cases that have remained free of clinical evidence of the disease for five years or more following treatment. The College Archives now contain records of 36,087 such cases.

The Cancer Archives of the College are intended to fulfill two purposes. The first is to accumulate as many as possible of the records on the abstract record forms that have been evolved by the College in order to amass a volume of records that will make possible a large scale evaluation of the different methods of therapy and compile statistical data on the other phases of cancer that are indicated on those forms. To accomplish this purpose the complete execution of the forms is essential.

The second purpose is to place the College in a position to inform the medical profession and the public in a numerical way of the successes that have attended cancer therapy. A simplified form of report that will be used for numerical purposes only has been prepared to make possible the reporting of five-year cures by those who for various reasons cannot execute the more detailed abstract record forms.

The College, upon request, will furnish the appropriate forms for the reporting of these cases, but the College is not in a position to distribute these forms for general use in the current cases in hospitals and clinics. . . .

## COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL PRACTICE

### Industrial Health

Industrial health is assuming increasing importance in connection with national defense, social economy and other closely related problems. It concerns itself with industrial hygiene, occupational disease and the raising of the standard of health of the employed population. Industrial hygiene has been defined as a system of principles or rules designed for the promotion of the health of our industrial population. It involves not only the specific occupational diseases, but all phases of the industrial environment that may have an effect on the health of the worker. The recognition and care of occupational diseases and industrial hazards are coming more and more within the sphere of the practicing physician.

The medico-legal phases of industrial health are likewise presenting new problems of vital interest to the general practitioner. With the marked development of new industries throughout this country and particularly in national defense, every effort is being exerted to stimulate the interest of the medical profession in industrial health conservation. It is well to emphasize the further relation to state examining boards, because the principles of industrial hygiene, occupational disease and industrial health come properly within the requirements of medical licensure.

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### Western Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons

A dinner meeting of the Northern Section of the Western Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons was held at Hotel Oakland on November 4, Dr. R. T. Legge, presiding, and Dr. Christopher Leggo of Crockett, secretary.

Guest speakers were Dr. Eugene Kilgore and Dr. J. J. Sampson of San Francisco, and the topic of the evening's discussion was "Employment of the Physically Handicapped."

Plans were announced for the second annual meeting in Del Monte on Sunday, May 3, 1942. If the tentative plans materialize, guest speakers will be Dr. Carl Peterson, Secretary of the American Medical Association Council on Industrial Health, and Mr. J. J. Bloomfield, Chief Industrial Hygienist, United States Public Health Department.

The following motion was passed unanimously:

*Resolved*, That we recognize a regrettable shortage of qualified personnel in industrial hygiene as well as a woeful lack of schools properly equipped to provide adequate training in industrial hygiene; that these lacks are most urgent in the light of national defense; that we approve in principle the proposal that the University of California at Berkeley provide, in the near future, courses leading to graduate degrees in public health; that such courses should include those offering particular emphasis on industrial hygiene; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Association be instructed to transmit this resolution to the Secretary of the Board of Regents, University of California, to the President of the University, and to the Dean of the Medical School.

## ANNUAL COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY REPORTS\*

### FIRST DISTRICT

Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties; Calvert L. Emmons, Ontario, Councillor.

#### Imperial County Medical Society

Imperial County Medical Society now has twenty-eight members, an increase of seven over the preceding year. Two of our members are in military service.

The meetings are held monthly at the Barbara Worth Hotel, in El Centro, being preceded by a dinner. July, August, and September are our vacation months.

A postgraduate conference will be held in December.

No action has been taken concerning a grievance committee.

CLAUDE F. PETERS,  
Secretary.

#### Orange County Medical Association

The Orange County Medical Association this year has 122 active members. The Association has lost one member through transfer and has gained five new members. Two members—Dr. Fred Earel and Dr. H. Q. Willis—were lost through death. Eight members of our Society are now in military service, and they have been exempted from paying local dues. There are very few practicing physicians in Orange County who do not belong to the local medical association.

The regular monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, and are usually dinner meetings held in various cities of the county. There are no meetings in July and August. The programs this year have been excellent and have covered a variety of subjects. The programs are under the direct charge of a program committee, headed by Dr. C. Glenn Curtis.

A very excellent postgraduate program was held in conjunction with Riverside and San Bernardino counties on February 20, in Anaheim. In January our Society was fortunate in having Doctor Alvarez of the Mayo Clinic conduct a clinic in the afternoon and give a formal paper in the evening. This was very greatly enjoyed and resulted in a large attendance.

The Orange County Medical Bulletin is published monthly under the editorship of Dr. Thomas Rhone, and programs for the County Medical Society and hospital staff meetings are published in it. The Bulletin has been a source of slight profit to the Society by means of the advertisements which are placed in it each month. These advertisements are obtained by the business manager.

At the December meeting this year, it is planned to have the dentists unite with the medical society and entertain the two local Representatives and the Senator. Our legislative members have been very cooperative with the medical society in their stand on legislative matters of interest to medicine in general.

The Orange County Medical Association continues to enjoy almost 100 per cent membership in the Public Health League. Our members are almost unanimous in their be-

\* For editorial comment, see page 282.

† County societies are arranged alphabetically, under their respective districts.

lief that this organization deserves our whole-hearted support. We all are anxious that the Basic Science Initiative be successful, and we have had practically no unfavorable comment from the citizens in this community.

The Orange County Women's Auxiliary is doing very fine work in assisting the medical society when called upon. Their meetings are held the first Tuesday afternoon in each month and are held in the homes of various members.

MILO K. TEDSTROM,  
*Secretary.*

#### Riverside County Medical Association

The Riverside County Medical Association numbers eighty members, which is a slight increase over the past year. Four members are now in active military service and have been relieved of paying local dues.

Meetings are held monthly, with the exception of July, August, and September, at the Riverside Community Hospital. The programs generally consist of one or two scientific presentations, usually by a guest speaker, followed by discussion from the floor. The scientific program is followed by the regular business meeting. The bulletin is a mimeographed sheet sent out the week before the regular meeting, and contains notes on business transacted by the Council and announces the program for the following week. A special Postgraduate Committee is in charge of the postgraduate conferences. San Bernardino, Orange, and Riverside counties present their postgraduate assemblies in conjunction with each other.

Recently an amendment to the by-laws has created a Committee on Grievances and Deportment, in accordance with the suggestion of the State Committee on Medical Defense. The members have been active in obtaining signatures on the Basic Science petition, and it is expected that this measure will be favored by the citizens in this area.

The establishment of Camp Haan and the enlargement of March Field has brought physicians from throughout the country to this region for their active military service. These men receive our bulletin, and are invited and urged to attend our regular meetings. Many of them have done so.

HOBART M. KELLY,  
*Secretary.*

#### San Bernardino County Medical Society

The San Bernardino County Medical Society is composed of 158 active members, an increase of two members over last year. Eight members have been called to active military duty, and our retired membership has increased to five.

Members called to active military service are exempted from dues. Notices of meetings are sent regularly to the medical men of March Field and Camp Haan, and the officers attend our meetings whenever possible.

Regular meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, October through June, there being no meetings during the months of July, August, and September. In general, the meetings are all held in the San Bernardino County Charity Hospital, except for the annual dinner meeting held at Loma Linda Hospital, and the annual June dinner meeting held at Patton State Hospital.

The programs are usually planned by the Secretary, and members of the Society give about half of the programs, with guest speakers filling out the other half of the schedule.

Notices and programs of the meetings are announced through a bulletin published for each of the nine months in which meetings are held. The bulletin is self-supporting by paid advertisements.

We have an excellent Postgraduate Committee, composed of Doctors F. E. Clough (chairman), Charles A. Wylie, and V. M. Pinkley. This committee plans the postgraduate meeting of our county after conferences with committeemen from Orange and Riverside counties. This meeting is also held in the San Bernardino County Charity Hospital, where clinical material is readily available. These meetings are purely clinical, and start at 4 p. m. They continue through the evening, with a dinner served at 6 p. m. This meeting is held conjointly with Riverside and Orange County Societies.

The Council is now studying the proposed new by-laws for medical defense.

One political meeting is held each year, when state and county officials are guests. These meetings are always well attended, and have proved beneficial to all. Occasionally, joint meetings with the dental and legal professions are held.

The Woman's Auxiliary was disbanded some years ago, and it has not seemed possible to reorganize since.

The County Hospital is managed through an advisory board composed of members of the Society, and all members of the staff must be members of the Society. All con-

nections between the Board of Supervisors, the Society, and the Hospital have been most pleasant, and only the closest coöperation has obtained.

The County Hospital accepts pay patients in the isolation and tubercular wards for those cases not admitted by private hospitals. No other pay patients are admitted. At present, we are happy to report, the County Charity Hospital is not a problem in San Bernardino County, and we trust that this situation will continue.

ARTHUR E. VARDEN,  
*Secretary.*

#### San Diego County Medical Society

The membership of the San Diego County Medical Society totals 300. At the time of this writing, about thirty applications are also on file. Thirty-two members are in military service. Such members are exempted from local dues. The printed bulletin of the Society is sent to the Army posts in this territory. Meetings are held once a month, except during July and August.

Postgraduate conferences are held yearly. Through by-law adoption, a Grievance Committee has been brought into being.

The Woman's Auxiliary has given very good aid in educational work and other campaigns.

The San Diego Hospital accepts no pay-patients except under emergencies. At the present time there is a lack of hospital beds in the private institutions. Steps are being taken to remedy this deficiency. Considerable agitation has been carried on concerning hospital care of indigents who are not eligible for care in public institutions.

W. H. GEISWEIT, JR.,  
*Secretary.*

#### SECOND DISTRICT

Los Angeles County; George D. Maner, Los Angeles, Councilor.

#### Los Angeles County Medical Association

The year now ending has been one of the most active in the history of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, with action directed specifically to problems affecting every practicing doctor of medicine, and with intent to get results.

In this year of turmoil the Council, the Board of Trustees, officers and the various committees of the Association, planned their respective activities upon the thesis that results alone count.

And results were obtained.

The year began with one of the most ambitious Public Relations activities ever conceived of by any county medical society—the Los Angeles County Health Defense Exposition—which was held February 2 to 9 inclusive, at the Shrine Ballroom in Los Angeles. Scientific and commercial exhibits, all designed to help educate the public in matters of medicine, and occupying 100,000 square feet of space, presented a spectacular show for the many thousands who came to see it. A dramatic story of what Medicine has accomplished, and what Medicine is doing, was presented in a most dramatic manner.

Publicity resulting from the Health Defense Exposition exceeded 6,000 column inches in the press, together with more than 400 cuts. Much radio publicity was obtained, major stations broadcasting from the floor of the Exposition.

The second major Public Relations activity of the Los Angeles County Medical Association was an exhibit at the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona, September 12 to 28. A half-million and more people saw this exhibit. More than 2,000 stopped at the booth each day of the Fair, requested literature and asked many questions. Booklets and leaflets prepared by the American Medical Association, for sale to the public, were distributed gratis to those who stopped at the Association's booth. Almost the entire supply of this material, held in the stock rooms of the American Medical Association in Chicago, was used, clearing their shelves, as Dr. W. W. Bauer, Director of the Bureau of Health Education of the American Medical Association, stated in a telephone conversation when more of this literature was called for.

Space at the Fair next year has already been reserved.

These two events stand out in our public health educational program this year, but Public Relations activities are continually carried on. Rarely a day passes but that a member of the Speakers' Bureau appears before some lay organization, carrying to the people the message of Medicine.

The radio program of the Association has entered into its eleventh year of continuous weekly broadcasts; two of fifteen minutes each over two prominent stations—KFI and KFAC. From requests for further literature on subjects of given broadcasts, it is estimated conservatively that the listening audience of the Association's programs



consists of from 75,000 to 100,000 listeners, spread from the central part of the state to the Mexican border.

Press relationships have been greatly improved during the past year. Much favorable publicity has been obtained through activity designed to create news value. For instance, the Flower Show held in October in the Lounge of the Association achieved three full columns of publicity in the Los Angeles *Herald-Express*, and two full columns of publicity in the Los Angeles *Times*.

While Public Relations have been given the spotlight this year, because they are vital to the preservation of the profession, other activities have not been neglected:

A tremendous amount of work has been done by our Committee on Medical Defense, which is carrying on a most extensive and intensive attack on the malpractice problem with notable results. The work of this committee during 1941 deserves, we believe, a special report which should be read by every doctor of medicine in the state.

During this most active year all other standing committees of the Association, together with a number of special committees, have been exceedingly busy and productive of results.

The Association has enjoyed a healthy growth during the year, in spite of losses due to military leaves of absence, deaths, etc., the active membership at the writing of this report being 2,551, while 162 new members have been admitted since January 1. Changes in membership status are as follows: Deceased members, 24; retired members, 22; members resigned, 1; members transferred, 7; on leave of absence, 199; dropped from membership, 23.

A number of interesting, well-attended general meetings were held during the year.

L. A. ALESEN,  
*Secretary.*



### THIRD DISTRICT

Kern, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Inyo-Mono Counties; Louis A. Packard, Bakersfield, Councilor.



#### Kern County Medical Society

Kern County Medical Society has a total membership of sixty-nine members, an increase of five members since January, 1941. Six members are now in military service: Doctors H. W. Bell, C. B. Stockton, John J. Cawley, James G. Ware, Frank McDonald, and Leo Baisinger. The Society has lost three members by death: Doctors O. P. Goodall, C. A. Morris, and J. A. Chapman.

Meetings of the Society are held on the evening of every third Thursday, except in June, July, and August, at the Padre Hotel in Bakersfield. One meeting is held yearly in Taft.

The Society sends out a monthly bulletin, and during the year special effort was made to include items concerning California Physicians' Service. A proposed amendment to the by-laws of the Society will exempt members in military service from payment of dues. The Constitution of the Society conforms to the standards outlined in the Brochure on Medical Defense.

Dr. Keith S. McKee has served as program chairman for the year and guest speakers have been invited, usually from Los Angeles, with one meeting being presented by members, a symposium on undulant fever, with papers by Doctors Robert Scherb, Carl Moore, and John J. McCarthy.

An outstanding refresher course in obstetrics was given June 16, 17, and 18, with two speakers each evening. Doctors J. Headen Inman, Roderick Ogden, and James Stanton constitute the Postgraduate Committee, and are arranging for a Postgraduate Conference for March, 1942. Many members attended the Conference held in Santa Barbara on March 29, 1941.

On March 20, Doctors Henry S. Rogers and George H. Kress spoke on problems confronting the California Medical Association. Members of the Society have cooperated in securing signatures on the Basic Science Law petitions, and were addressed by Mr. Ben Read of the Public Health League on this subject on October 16.

The physicians of Kern County have cooperated with the Agricultural Workers' Health and Medical Association in providing medical care for migrant farm workers. Prenatal clinics, to be established at the Farm Labor Camps, have the approval of the Society. The Society also is cooperating with the Red Cross, and is aiding in the formation of classes for volunteer nurses' aides.

A special campaign for education regarding cancer was carried on under the direction of the American Society for the Control of Cancer. A Tumor Committee to consult on cases referred by private physicians was established at the Mercy Hospital. Serving on this committee are Doctors F. J. Gundry, William Moore, James Ware, J. Headen Inman, and Roderick Ogden. The A. A. U. W. contributed valuable services during the campaign in distributing literature.

The Society contributed \$25 to the National Physicians' Committee. Individual members have contributed their services to community organizations such as the Community Chest, Boy Scouts, and the Kern County Tuberculosis Association. A Speakers' Bureau has been organized and has been called upon for talks on medical subjects.

The status of the court action of Dr. Joe Smith vs. Kern County Medical Society has been of interest and the case is now before the Supreme Court of California. Recent developments in the county have resulted in the dismissal of Doctor Smith as superintendent of the Kern General Hospital by the Board of Supervisors.

The Society has had the full cooperation of the Woman's Auxiliary and appreciates its services. The press aided especially in the publicity campaign concerning cancer.

Officers during 1941 were: Lucille B. May, president; James Stanton, vice-president; Sophie M. Loven, secretary.

Serving on the Board of Directors were: F. J. Gundry, C. I. Mead, R. A. Ogden, William H. Moore, H. W. Lange, C. S. Compton, and Seymour Strongin. Delegates were: F. J. Gundry and C. S. Compton, with J. M. Nicholson and Eric F. Colby as alternates.

SOPHIE M. LOVEN,  
*Secretary.*



#### San Luis Obispo County Medical Society

The following is a brief report of the San Luis Obispo County Medical Society:

During the past year, two new members have been initiated into the Society and two members have moved out of the county, still leaving a membership of thirty-five.

The Medical Society is now associated with the county hospital in an advisory and consulting capacity.

Monthly meetings have been held during the past year, with a scientific program at each meeting. At the meetings the medical personnel of the local Army camp, Camp San Luis Obispo, has been well represented.

There are no publications by the Society.

JOSEPH G. MIDDLETON,  
*Secretary.*



#### Santa Barbara County Medical Society

The Santa Barbara County Medical Society has an active membership of 115. Regular meetings are held on the second Monday evening of each month, except July and August, in the auditorium of the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. The January meeting is always a dinner meeting and was held in the Service Clubroom of El Paseo restaurant. Entertainment consisted of orchestra music, singing, and magic by the well-known Maldo.

Three members of the Society belonging to the Naval Reserve have been called to active duty. They are Dr. Edward Markthaler, Dr. J. Kenneth Patterson, and Dr. D. H. McNamara. Doctor McNamara has been the secretary of this society for the past two years. The Society voted to exempt members in military service from local dues.

Guest speakers for the past year consisted of the following:

February—Dr. Oswald S. Lowsley of the Brady Urological Clinic, New York City, "Diagnostic Procedures in Urology."

April—Dr. H. C. Lindsey of Pasadena, "Skin Diseases."

May—Dr. R. A. Scarborough of San Francisco, "Anal Cryptitis"; Dr. Malcolm Hill of Los Angeles, "Pruritus Ani."

June—Dr. Vernon P. Thompson of Los Angeles, "Body Mechanics."

September—Dr. William J. Kerr, Professor of Medicine at the University of California, "Cardiac Irregularities."

This society publishes a mimeographed monthly bulletin, which has been of considerable value in disseminating information to the members.

Through the efforts of Dr. Horace Coshaw, sufficient funds have been offered by Mrs. Emma Wood of Carpinteria, California, to provide a complete medical library for the Santa Barbara County Medical Society. The library will be in a wing of the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. Members of the Society will contribute annually toward the support and maintenance of the library.

H. I. BURTNESS,  
*Acting Secretary.*



#### Ventura County Medical Society

The Ventura County Medical Society has fifty-three active members. This is one less than a year ago. There are five members in active military service—two in the Army and three in the Navy. One new member was admitted by initiation during the year and another admitted by transfer. Three members were lost by transfer. There



are sixty-eight physicians licensed in the county. In addition, there are fifteen chiropractors and fourteen osteopaths.

Members in military service are exempt from local dues.

Meetings are held monthly, except July and August, at the Ventura County Country Club at Satcoy on the second Tuesday. A dinner precedes each meeting. Individual members take turns in serving as program chairman. Each meeting is announced by post card, sent to every active member.

In March we were favored by the presence of President Henry S. Rogers, Dr. George H. Kress, and Dr. Louis A. Packard, Councilor of this, the Third District.

In October a joint meeting was held with the members of the Dental Association, at which time Mr. Ben H. Read, Secretary of the Public Health League, presented details regarding the proposed Basic Science Initiative. At the same meeting, Senator J. J. McBride discussed legislation. We believe that the Basic Science Initiative will receive overwhelming support in our county.

Postgraduate activities consist of participating with other county societies in our Councilor District.

The Woman's Auxiliary has been of assistance in furthering public health education. Several meetings have been held.

The Society is represented on the Ventura County Public Health Advisory Committee. This, together with the splendid coöperation of our full-time county health officer, Frank E. Gallison, gives the Society close contact with all public health matters.

The Society recently appointed a Grievance Committee. It is hoped that it will never be necessary for it to function.

Medical preparedness has been supported by the Society. The medical personels of the local aviation training center and the United States Maritime School have been invited to attend our meetings.

In general, our members have coöperated in establishing the California Physicians' Service.

The Ventura County Hospital efficiently looks after the indigent sick.

For about six months an FSA migrant camp was established in the county. Recently it was abandoned for lack of clients.

About 30 per cent of our members support the Public Health League of California. It is hoped that more will do so in 1942.

R. K. HARKER,  
*Secretary.*

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#### Inyo-Mono County Medical Society

Inyo-Mono County Medical Society, youngest of the component units of the California Medical Association, has eight active members. In addition, four members of the dental profession are affiliated in the work as associate members. One member is in military service.

The monthly meetings are usually held in Bishop, with an occasional meeting in Independence. Because of the weather conditions, the vacation months of the Inyo-Mono County Society are December, January, and February.

A county unit of the State Woman's Auxiliary was formed during the past year.

Owing to the comparatively sparse population in the two counties, no county hospital is supported.

During the past year, State Association officers and guest speakers from Kern and Santa Barbara counties participated in our meetings.

GEORGE D. SHULTZ,  
*Secretary.*

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#### FOURTH DISTRICT

Calaveras, Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne Counties; Axel E. Anderson, Fresno, Councilor.

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#### Fresno County Medical Society

Membership of the Fresno County Medical Society was increased by six members, and there is now a total of 148 names on the roster. Seven of the members are in military service. Local dues of military members have been exempted, and we are sending notices of our meetings to near-by Army posts.

The monthly meetings are held in the University Club, except during July and August when there are no meetings. We avail ourselves of guest speakers from the university centers.

The Postgraduate Conference will take place within the next several months.

Our Woman's Auxiliary is active, and can be counted upon to give good support in promoting the Basic Science Law.

J. E. YOUNG,  
*Secretary.*

#### Kings County Medical Society

The Kings County Medical Society has twenty-one active members. There were five new members added during the year and two members were lost—one of these by transfer and the other entered the United States Army.

There were nine meetings held during the year. Two of these were of special interest. One was a banquet given in honor of the nurses of Kings County, and the other a banquet at which the guest speakers were: Mr. John Hunton, Executive Secretary, who spoke on the Basic Science petitions; Mr. Read of the Public Health League, who spoke of the work of his committee at Sacramento during the last session of the legislature; and Doctor Rector, who spoke to the Society members on "The Clinical Consideration of Acute Illness of the Child." Another banquet meeting was held, at which the County Board of Supervisors were guests. The subject of the evening was a discussion of Kings County Hospital and part-pay patients.

A goodly number of names have been obtained for the Basic Science Initiative by the Society members.

ARTHUR ZEISMER,  
*Secretary.*

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#### Merced-Mariposa County Medical Society

Active membership during the year totaled thirty-nine, being an increase of five members over the previous year. Six of our members are in military service.

Regular members have been exempted from payment of dues, and the Commanding Officer of the Medical Corps in the near-by Army post has been notified of the meetings which were held in Merced, except during June, July, and August.

Among the guest speakers on scientific topics were Dr. Zera Bolin and Doctor Leon Parker, both of San Francisco. State President Henry S. Rogers, Councilor A. E. Anderson, and Secretary George H. Kress gave addresses on organization topics.

The annual picnic of our county society was held in June in Henderson Park.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association is coöperating with our county units.

At the County Hospital the undersigned acts as medical director of obstetrics and pediatrics. Patients are admitted on a private patient pay basis.

JAMES A. PARKER,  
*Secretary.*

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#### San Joaquin County Medical Society

Of our group of 112 active members, seven are now in military service. Meetings are held monthly in the club-rooms in Stockton, except in July and August. Monthly meetings are preceded by dinner sessions.

Among the guest speakers who have visited us are Doctors George W. Pierce, George Olson, Leo Eloesser, Clifford Sweet, Phillip R. Arnot, S. P. Lucia, Emile Holman, and Chauncy D. Leake.

The postgraduate conference is being contemplated for February or March. The Society has appointed a Grievance Committee. Reaction of the citizens to the Basic Science Law is favorable.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the San Joaquin County Medical Society carries on active work.

We have no direct or indirect connection with the medical staff of the County Hospital.

C. A. BROADDUS,  
*Acting Secretary.*

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#### Stanislaus County Medical Society

During the year 1941, the Stanislaus County Medical Society has maintained a membership of forty-eight. Six new members were accepted into the Society, one member has transferred his membership to Fresno County, and three members are in the military service.

Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, with the exception of July, August, and September, at 7 p. m. at the Hughson Hotel, Modesto. During 1941 one informal meeting was held at the ranch of Dr. E. V. Falk on a Saturday afternoon in July, and one meeting was held in Turlock at the home of Dr. Marion Collins.

The following physicians have presented papers to the Society: Gerald O'Connor on "The Early Plastic Repair of Injuries"; T. L. Althausen on "Medical Treatment of Cholecystitis"; Amos Christie on "Recent Developments in Pediatrics"; Gerald Crenshaw on "Nontuberculous Conditions of the Chest"; H. Glenn Bell on "Recent Advances in Gastric Surgery"; L. D. Howard on "Surgery of the Hand and Tendons."

The Committee on Constitution formulated a new constitution for the Stanislaus County Medical Society early in the year. Since then the constitution has been amended to include a Committee on Grievances and Deportment.

The Woman's Auxiliary, during the year, has sponsored an occupational therapy program at the Stanislaus County Hospital. Through a benefit bridge party, funds were raised for contribution to the State Needy Physicians' Fund. During the coming month, the Auxiliary intends to sponsor the Basic Science Initiative campaign.

A. E. GHILOTTI,  
*Secretary.*

#### Tulare County Medical Society

The Tulare County Medical Society has held two regular meetings and one special meeting since the summer vacation period. The special meeting was called so that the members might meet with Director Larsen of the California Physicians' Service. This Society is always pleased to meet with the officers of any of the branches of state-wide medical activity.

The past year has been quite free of incidents which have necessitated special consideration on the part of the local society.

Our number of active members has been reduced to forty-six, as Drs. F. Cooley, F. DeBusk, H. Falk, D. MacKinnon, L. Seligman, and E. Zumwalt are at present in the Army Medical Corps.

We have on file one application.

F. G. POWELL,  
*Secretary.*

#### FIFTH DISTRICT

Monterey, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties; R. Stanley Kneeshaw, San Jose, Councillor.

#### Monterey County Medical Society

The roster of the Monterey County Medical Society contains sixty-seven members. Two have been transferred to other counties. In addition to the regular membership, all officers of the Medical Corps posted at the Presidio of Monterey and Fort Ord are honorary members and are entitled to all privileges of membership, except that of voting.

Ten regular meetings were held this year, there being no meetings in July and August, the summer months. The meetings are held alternately at Hotel Del Monte and Santa Lucia Inn, Salinas, notices of which are mailed to members by the Secretary.

During the present year the regular meetings have had very interesting speakers as guests. In January, Doctor Barnett spoke on the treatment of syphilis; Dr. H. Buckley, on the treatment of gonorrhea; Doctor Merrill of the State Department of Health, on venereal control. At the March meeting, Dr. S. Kneeshaw gave an interesting talk about the California Medical Association; Dr. George Waters of San Jose spoke on fractures; and Doctor Josephsen, also of San Jose, spoke on foot disorders. The June meeting had as its guest speaker, Doctor Horwitz of the University of California. His subject was "Third State of Labor." Mr. B. Read spoke on "Basic Science Initiative" at the September meeting. In October, Dr. L. Hawkinson spoke on "Endocrinology." The November meeting was held at the Station Hospital, Ford Ord. Major Craft and his staff entertained the Society at dinner and after the regular business meeting, interesting subjects were introduced by Major John L. Gallagher and Captain E. E. Ludmell.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Monterey County Medical Society meets at the same time as the Society. They have cooperated to the fullest extent in entertaining the different guests at the various meetings.

The County Public Health Department maintain general clinics in Salinas, Monterey and King City, and special groups such as Chest Clinics and Well-Baby Clinics. They have done much to aid the indigent and have not in any way hurt the private practices of the members. Members of the Society act as visiting consultants in these clinics and at the County Hospital in Salinas. In addition to the County Hospital, there is a tuberculosis sanitarium with a capacity of about seventy beds. A full-time Social Service Department is maintained at the County Hospital, and in addition there is a full-time worker in Monterey.

ROBERT D. MACE,  
*Secretary.*

#### San Benito County Medical Society

Membership: Number of active members, six; decrease of one over last year. Number of members in military service, 2—one in United States Army and one in Canadian Army.

There are nine licensed physicians, who are in practice in San Benito County.

The meetings are held from time to time in Hollister, upon call of the President.

I believe the proposed Basic Science Initiative will meet with favor by the citizens of our district.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the San Benito County Medical Society meets with that of the Monterey Society.

Our society has no direct or indirect connection with the medical staff of the San Benito County Hospital. The County Hospital does not accept pay patients. There is no hospitalization available for contagious cases, excepting at the County Hospital.

L. E. SMITH,  
*Secretary.*

#### San Mateo County Medical Society

The San Mateo County Medical Society holds meetings each month, with the exception of June, July, and August, the vacation period. These meetings, which are planned jointly by the Secretary and the Program Committee, are held in different sections of the county, and they consist of a dinner, followed by a short business meeting and a discussion of some medical or surgical topic by someone well versed in the particular topic under discussion.

During the past year, four new, and three transfer members were accepted in the Society, and the present membership is 100 per cent of eligible physicians.

The Society has a Woman's Auxiliary, which ordinarily meets on the same night as our society. Two or three times a year, the Society and the Auxiliary hold joint meetings.

Due to the proximity of our county to San Francisco, and the constant opportunity there for postgraduate work, no postgraduate studies have been pursued by members of our society.

THOMAS E. FARTHING,  
*Secretary.*

#### Santa Clara County Medical Society

The Santa Clara County Medical Society has had another progressive and successful year. Our membership has continued to grow, beginning the year with 197 members; seventeen new members were elected, but one member was lost by death, and three by transfer, making the net gain, thirteen. Membership at the end of the year is, thus, 210. There are pending seven applications which will be presented for election shortly after the first of the year. Six members are in military service of the United States, and one in that of Great Britain.

The scientific meetings have been outstanding for their variety and interest. The County Hospital program in January was presented, as usual, by the resident staff, with a cross section of their methods and material. For next year our society has offered an award for the outstanding paper presented on this program. The guest speakers for the other regular meetings have been excellent, namely: Dr. P. K. Gilman, discussing military medical problems; Drs. L. Henry Garland and Stanley Mentzer holding a symposium on gallbladder disease; Drs. Fred Rodenbaugh and Alson Kilgore heading a seminar on malignant diseases; Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur discussing the Government's relation to medical practice; and Dr. George Pierce discussing plastic surgery, with some interesting pictures. Part of several meetings have been given over to open discussion of legislative matters and California Physicians' Service. The golf tournament and barbecue were held at the San Jose Country Club in June as a joint meeting with the Woman's Auxiliary.

The Council meetings have been well attended, a great volume of business being conducted. The attendance seems to have been stimulated by the meetings being held in the Councillors' homes. Among the efforts of the Council have been formulation of a suggestive fee schedule for general practitioners; the attempting to arrange a standard sobriety examination; and the founding of a central outlet for the members doing charity public health work. A Maternal Mortality Committee has also been set up for studies and suggestions. Recently, a temporary Grievance Committee was appointed for the duration of the year until the duties could be assigned to a committee under our Constitution.

In conclusion, it may be said that our year has been filled with many problems, none of which have been particularly outstanding. The Basic Science Initiative is our problem of the moment and our members are doing a good job in getting the petitions signed.

LEON P. FOX,  
*Secretary.*

#### Santa Cruz County Medical Society

Under the active and able leadership of President Avery E. Wood of Watsonville, the Santa Cruz County Medical Society is concluding a very successful year. As has been its habit for many years, the Society has held monthly meetings, except in June, July, and August, at the Club Rio del Mar, Aptos, which is conveniently located for both the Santa Cruz and Watsonville members.

The programs are arranged by the President and Secretary, and an attempt is made to vary the subject matter

to appeal to the particular interests of all members during the year. The following speakers have appeared during 1941: Doctors George Rhodes (general surgery), Daniel Morton (obstetrics and gynecology), Amos Christie (pediatrics), Gordon Hein (internal medicine), J. W. Morgan (proctology), F. C. Bost (orthopedics), Charles Richards (roentgenology), C. L. Callendar (surgical anatomy), and E. H. Eiskamp (local practitioner).

The membership as of November 1 was forty-five. There are three members in the military service. Doctors Robert B. Case and Asher Havenhill are in the Army Medical Corps; Dr. Phillip K. Gilman, Jr., is in the Navy Medical Corps. Members in the military service are exempted from local dues. Regular notices of our meetings are sent to the officer in command at Ford Ord and Camp McQuaide, which are located in this vicinity.

The Society maintains a Postgraduate Committee. During the year, one such conference was held jointly with Monterey County. The Society has a Grievance Committee, and a by-law relative to it has been adopted and incorporated in the Constitution of the Society.

Programs on organized medicine have been sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary, which is quite active in this county. The Auxiliary has done excellent work. Among other meetings, one was held recently in Watsonville, and conducted as a joint meeting with the Watsonville Women's Club. At this meeting, John Hunton, representing Dr. George H. Kress, lectured on organization for local medical defense. It is planned, in the near future, to have a joint meeting with the attorneys and dentists of the county.

SAMUEL B. RANDALL,  
Secretary.

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#### SIXTH DISTRICT

San Francisco County; John W. Cline, San Francisco, Councillor.

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#### San Francisco County Medical Society

The past year has been a full and, as usual, an unfinished one. For future records, if not by way of epitaph, we list herewith some of the things accomplished, and more of the unaccomplished:

1. *Scientific Programs.*—There have been three symposia. The average attendance at these meetings was one hundred. There was one general meeting on the subject of improving public sickness-service systems, or so-called health insurance, at which over 175 members attended.

2. *The Blood Bank.*—The Irwin Memorial Blood Bank of the San Francisco County Medical Society was initiated, and has functioned successfully since June, 1941. Our blood bank is said by national authorities to be the finest in the United States. It is the only one operated by a county medical society. In addition to its present function as a blood reservoir for the community, it is soon to collaborate with the National Red Cross in taking blood from over 10,000 donors for the exclusive use of the Red Cross and the United States armed forces.

3. *Health Insurance.*—The continued development of sickness service systems has occupied much of the time of the Society's officers. The San Francisco Municipal Employees' Health Service System required protracted attention, culminating in a referendum submitted to the membership last March. Approximately 80 per cent responded to the referendum with an affirmative vote, thus endorsing the Committee on Health and Hospitalization Insurance, and demonstrating that over eight hundred doctors can unite and present an unbroken front to uphold their rights. The lay board of directors, which operates the Health Service System, accepted the Society's vote and immediately adopted the fee schedule which we drew up. In 1940, we succeeded in having adopted a charter amendment requiring (not just permitting) an annual review and open hearing on the operation of this system. In 1941, we had a basic medical fee schedule adopted and a genuine arbitration committee set in motion. These may seem like minor steps, but they are not; they are fundamental ones and required much effort to achieve. In April, 1941, we saw the issuance of Volume I, Number 1 of Health Service Facts, the physicians' bulletin on the Municipal Health Service System; this was distributed to every one of the 16,000 municipal employees. In August, 1941, a revised hospital contract was adopted, a great improvement over the former one, eliminating flat-rate coverage for certain medical services, and equalizing certain hospital burdens.

4. *California Physicians' Service.*—Partly through the efforts of our elected delegates to the California Medical Association and partly through the constructive work of our regional coordinators, two fundamental changes were made in California Physicians' Service: the limitation of full-coverage contracts and the allocation of increased premiums to groups known to be high risks.

5. *National Youth Administration.*—Largely through the actions of our president, a proposed central clinic for National Youth Administration clients was forestalled, and instead the diagnostic program of this organization was diverted into existing medical channels, employing private practitioners, with resultant benefit to youths and the profession alike.

6. *Relief Medicine.*—A Committee on Relief Medicine was established and the Public Welfare Commission of the City and County of San Francisco was persuaded to appoint a medico-dental advisory committee in order that physicians might assume their natural responsibility in the conduct and operation of the medical aspects of relief problems.

7. *Tuberculosis Surveys.*—The question of surveying domestic was made the subject of a special committee report and the matter submitted to the Junior Chamber of Commerce for joint action. A proposal to utilize the County Hospital for making a survey of the personnel of the San Francisco school department (the annual budget of which department is some \$13,000,000) was rejected and the school department was given every assistance in order to initiate the survey under proper conditions. The school department has not availed itself of this assistance to date.

8. *Military Medicine.*—The County Medical Society established a record for cooperation with State Selective Service Headquarters and efficient handling of selective service examinations. Largely through the actions of the Society, certain difficult and impractical proposals, relative to 4-F classifications, were deflected.

9. *San Francisco Civil Defense Council.*—The facilities of the Society were placed at the disposal of the San Francisco Civil Defense Council and the Disaster Commission of the San Francisco Red Cross.

10. *Community Chest.*—At the suggestion of the Secretary, the Community Chest issued publicity releases to inform the public of the great amount of free medical care given by the physicians of this city. The Speakers' Bureau of the Chest has released appropriate statistical data to its members for further dissemination of these facts.

11. *Revision of the Constitution, By-Laws and Principles of Professional Conduct.*—Important revisions of the Constitution, By-Laws and Principles of Professional Conduct were drafted by the Committee, which worked diligently on this problem.

12. *Reduction of Athletic Injuries.*—A Committee on the Reduction of Athletic Injuries was appointed.

13. *Cooperation with Insurance Companies.*—Meetings were held with representatives of several major companies which write medical-expense insurance. The companies were asked to simplify their medical report forms and to clarify the nature of the fee schedules they frequently issue. The companies agreed to introduce suitable wording at the head of such schedules to the following effect: "The fees allowed do not necessarily indicate the fees which your physician or surgeon may charge; your case may call for higher fees, and you may apply the sum allowed under your policy toward payment of the full fee charged." Some of the companies have already started making checks payable jointly to the patient and physician, thereby assuring the latter that he will recover his fee in indemnification cases. In return, the Society undertook to encourage its members to cooperate more vigorously with insurance companies, to secure authorizations when such are needed, and to complete their reports promptly and accurately as possible.

14. *Standards of Admission to Clinics.*—The proposed new standards of admission to clinics submitted by the Community Chest were studied by the Society's directors, and the Chest requested to defer their enforcement in so far as a 10 per cent increase in income levels was concerned.

15. *State and National Medical Legislation.*—The Society cooperated with the Public Health League of California and the National Physicians' Committee for the Extension of Medical Care in the continuation of their respective programs.

16. *Public Relations.*—The Society continued the employment of Public Relations counsel for advice and assistance on matters in which the public's attitude toward the medical profession was involved. The advice, the assistance, the hard work performed by our Public Relations counsel, Mr. William J. Losh, is unrepayable in mere money.

17. *The Bulletin* has changed its format slightly and is apparently more readable, or at least more read. At any rate, we sold more individual copies to nonmembers this year than ever before! We think it can be much further improved, but do not know how to find the time to do it. The dull topics of medical organization matters need much polishing, even to glow in daylight.

18. *National Physicians' Committee.*—During the year the Public Relations counsel released numerous editorials and informative material prepared by the National Phy-

sicians' Committee, and secured publication of these important articles in many newspapers in the Bay district.

19. *Membership*.—Total number of active members is 1,040, an increase of forty-nine over the previous year. Fifty of these members are in military service. Military members are exempted from the payment of local dues.

L. HENRY GARLAND,  
*Secretary.*

#### SEVENTH DISTRICT

Alameda and Contra Costa Counties; Frank R. Makinson, Oakland, Councilor.

##### Alameda County Medical Association

The year just past has been a very busy one for our Association, with special effort devoted to problems of medical preparedness. Much work has been done and is still being done on a plan for more efficiently handling medical examination of draftees by specialty groups. By such a plan these examinations are raised to a higher scientific level and the work is done at great saving of time to the doctors donating their services. Our members are cooperating with Civilian Defense organizations. They are aiding the American Red Cross in a plan to man the many first-aid stations being established throughout the county, and also in the organization of hospital staffs for emergency service in event of disaster. The details of these plans are under the very able direction of Dr. Clarence DePuy, a member and past president of the Alameda County Medical Association.

As is our custom, the Association has held regular meetings each month, except for the vacation months of July and August. Most of the papers were presented by local members, but two visiting speakers honored us—Dr. Bruce Douglas of Detroit, who spoke on the problems of tuberculosis; and Dr. Morris Fishbein, who discussed medical preparedness.

Our Association gratefully acknowledges the faithful cooperation of its Auxilliary, to whose efforts we owe the solution of many trying problems.

GERTRUDE MOORE,  
*Secretary.*

##### Contra Costa County Medical Society

At this time the membership totals sixty. Ten meetings were held during the past year, each of which was composed of a business session as well as a scientific program, with the exception of the December meeting. The December meeting is the occasion of the annual Christmas dinner dance of the Society. The scientific programs have consisted of interesting discussions by guest speakers, clinico-pathologic conferences and surgical motion-picture films.

L. ABBOTT HEDGES,  
*Secretary.*

#### EIGHTH DISTRICT

Alpine, Amador, Butte, Colusa, Eldorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Placer-Nevada-Sierra, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, and Yuba Counties; Frank A. MacDonald, Sacramento, Councilor.

##### Butte-Glenn County Medical Society

Butte-Glenn County Medical Society has thirty-eight members, of whom three are in military service. Military members have been exempted from the payment of county society dues.

The Society meets monthly, usually at Chico or Oroville, except during the vacation months of June to September.

The Society sponsored the arrangements for the Eighth Councilor District Postgraduate Conference recently held in Chico.

The Woman's Auxilliary to the Society has done excellent work.

Five of the Society members are on the medical staff of the County Hospital.

J. O. CHIAPELLA,  
*Secretary.*

##### Lassen-Plumas-Modoc County Medical Society

The Lassen-Plumas-Modoc County Medical Society has had another successful year under the presidency of Dr. William B. McKnight of Portola.

Meetings have been held at various places throughout the three counties so as to make it possible for members at distant points to have an opportunity to attend at least some of the meetings. Dinners were usually held prior to the meetings, and the Woman's Auxilliary held its meetings on the same dates.

At present there are seventeen active members, and Doctors A. Velarde of Portola and W. B. Magg of Greenville have been approved for membership and will be voted

on at our next regular meeting. Dr. Herman Schwartzman of Rich Bar resigned to go into active military service.

A meeting early in December is being planned, at which time our new officers, delegates, and alternates will be elected.

BERNARD S. HOLM,  
*Secretary.*

##### Placer-Nevada-Sierra County Medical Society

The Placer-Nevada-Sierra County Medical Society, at the time of the 1940 annual statement, reported forty-seven members. This was an all-time high. During the past year, four members have been granted transfers to other county societies, and one has resigned because of illness. This leaves a net membership, as of this date, of forty-two. Three of these members are in the national service and two are retired.

As has been the custom for many years, our society has held meetings, not on regular specified dates, but at the call of the President. There have been seven meetings in the past medical year:

The annual meeting of 1940 on November 9, 1940. This was a dinner meeting at the Freeman Hotel, Auburn. There were seventeen members and eight visitors present. Dr. Frank MacDonald, Councilor for the Eighth District, was present and addressed the Society members, and Dr. Joe B. Catton of San Francisco, author of "Behind the Scenes of Murder," gave a most interesting address.

January 11—Dinner meeting at the Freeman Hotel, Auburn. Twenty-three members and two visitors were present. Dr. R. C. Atkinson, at that time a member of our society, presented a paper on "Torsion of the Testicle." Dr. James R. Dillon, Professor of Surgery and Chief of the Department of Urology of the Stanford University School of Medicine, discussed "Treatment of Prostatism."

March 8—Dinner meeting at the Bret Harte Inn, Grass Valley. Twenty-one members and four visitors were present. Dr. Charles A. Dukes, past president of the California Medical Association, chairman of California Cancer Commission, and member of the National Committee on Medical Preparedness, addressed the Society.

May 26—Dinner meeting at the Cottage Inn, Roseville. Fourteen members and six visitors met to honor Henry S. Rogers, President of the California Medical Association. The meeting was addressed by Doctor Rogers, Mr. John Hunton, Executive Secretary of the California Medical Association; Mr. Hartley F. Peart, General Counsel of the California Medical Association; Dr. Frank MacDonald, Councilor for the Eighth District; and Doctors F. N. Scatena and Azevedo, both of Sacramento.

August 23—Meeting held at the Freeman Hotel, Auburn. Eleven members and four visitors were present. This was for the purpose of discussing medical defense and best method of cooperation between physicians and the Civilian Defense Council. The speakers were: Captain Pool of the State Guard; District Attorney Sparks, Doctor McKinnon of Placerville, and Mr. Guy Brundage of Auburn, President of the Placer County Red Cross.

September 27—Dinner meeting at the Freeman Hotel, Auburn. This was a joint meeting with the dentists of Placer, Nevada, and Sierra Counties. There were sixteen members and twelve visitors present, eight of the latter being dentists. The meeting was addressed by Ben H. Read, Executive Secretary of the Public Health League of California; John Hunton, Executive Secretary of the California Medical Association; and by Dr. John R. Upton. The latter gave a complete description of the San Francisco blood bank.

September 30—Special meeting at the Freeman Hotel. Six physicians, residents in Placer County and members of the Society, met and discussed cooperation with the Trustees of the Placer Union High School and Junior College in the solution of various medical problems at the High School and Junior College.

The officers for 1941 have been as follows: President, Lucas W. Empey of Roseville; Vice-President, Vernon W. Padgett of Alleghany; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert A. Peers of Colfax. Delegate, William M. Miller of Auburn; Alternate, C. C. Briner of Auburn.

On November 1 and 2, four members of our society attended the Postgraduate Conference of the Eighth Councilor District, which was held at Chico on those dates.

Our membership appreciates very much the support and guidance furnished us by the staff of the central office, and also by our Councilor for the Eighth District, Dr. Frank MacDonald of Sacramento.

ROBERT A. PEERS,  
*Secretary.*

##### Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement

The Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the auditorium of the Sutter Hospital at Twenty-ninth and L streets at 8:30

p. m. No meetings are held during the vacation months of July and August. The programs are arranged by a committee, and the December meeting is devoted to Society business and the election of officers for the ensuing year. General meetings of the Society during the past year have been as follows:

January 21—"Nontuberculous Lesions of the Chest," by Dr. A. Peers, Colfax.

February 18—"Newer Developments in Urologic Surgery," by Dr. Oswald Swinney Lowsley, New York, Director of James Buchanan Brady Foundation, New York Hospital, New York, N. Y.

March 15—Seventy-third annual banquet at the Sutter Club.

April 15—"Shock," by Dr. J. B. Harris of Sacramento. May 20—"Studies in Human Fertility," a motion picture by courtesy of Ortho Products, Inc.

June 17—"Recent Advances in the Study of Convulsions," by Dr. Theodore Fender, Associate Professor of Neurosurgery, Stanford Lane Hospital, San Francisco.

September 16—"Visible Cancer: Breast and Pelvic," by Dr. Henry J. Ullmann of the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara.

October 21—"The Current Status of Coccidioidal Infection," by Dr. Charles Edward Smith, Professor of Preventive Medicine, Stanford University; "A Basic Science Law for California," by Ben H. Read, Executive Secretary, the Public Health League of California.

November 18—"The Treatment of Burns," by Dr. George Warren Pierce of San Francisco.

There are 159 active members in the Society. Five new members have been elected to date, and ten are due for election before the end of the year. There is one retired member. No members have been dropped, and on November 15 Dr. L. C. Barrette was lost by death. Eleven members are in active military service and have been exempted from local dues.

No bulletin is published by the Society, the meeting programs being announced on printed notices which are sent to all local physicians whether or not they are members of the Society. Regular notices of the meetings are also sent to the physicians in military service at the adjacent Army posts.

The second Postgraduate Conference of the Eighth Council District was held at Chico on November 1 and 2, and was well attended by members of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement.

The Medical Grievance Committee has done much to encourage a better understanding between the members of the profession themselves, and between the members of the profession and patients. The Committee on Public Relations has helped promote harmony between the state and city health officers and the local profession.

The Legislative Committee has done excellent work in promoting the passage of several important measures through the State Legislature and in obtaining unfavorable action on those measures which were considered inimical to our welfare. At present the interest of the Committee is centered on the proposed Basic Science Initiative in order that the citizens of our district will look with favor upon it.

The Woman's Auxiliary meets on the same evenings as the County Society, and has been extremely cooperative in all the activities of the Society pertaining to the promotion of desirable public health and social welfare work.

CURTIS H. McDONNELL,  
*Secretary.*

#### Shasta County Medical Society

Seventeen physicians hold membership in the Society, three being in military service. The dues of such have been exempted.

Meetings are held, except during June, July, and August, at Redding. Attendance is good.

Postgraduate Conferences are held in conjunction with other component societies.

In this county the reaction concerning the Basic Science Law is in question.

Our County Hospital accepts pay patients only in cases of emergencies, or for isolation purposes.

JULIUS M. KEHOE,  
*Secretary.*

#### Tehama County Medical Society

The Tehama County Medical Society has an active membership of ten physicians.

Our society usually meets in Red Bluff, on call by the President. No branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has been established in our county.

Citizens are admitted for treatment at the Tehama County Hospital, and regular fee tables have been established.

R. G. FREY,  
*President.*

#### Yolo County Medical Society

During this past year, first in the history of the Yolo County Medical Society, the item of chief importance seems to have been one of change in personnel.

The Society began one year ago with twenty members, including one in active military service. Since that time we have taken in four new members—one residing in an adjacent county; three members have entered active military service, making a total of four engaged in the armed forces; one member has retired from active practice; one member is moving to another county shortly; and five physicians have recently been licensed to practice in Yolo County—all of whom anticipate membership in this society as soon as residence requirements are satisfied.

Therefore, out of a total of thirty physicians licensed to practice in Yolo County, twenty-eight are either active members of our society, are members in active military service, or intend to become members as soon as residence requirements permit. Neither of the remaining two non-member licentiates conducts a full-time active medical practice.

New members admitted were: Doctors L. S. Goerke, Yolo County Health Officer; J. Porter of Yolo County Hospital, M. P. Stansbury of Vacaville (Solano County), and M. N. Wilmes, otolaryngologist at Woodland Clinic.

One-sixth (17 per cent) of the membership has entered active military service. Members having joined the armed forces (and exempted from local Society dues) are: Doctors J. W. Rovane from the Yolo County Hospital, L. S. Goerke, M. N. Wilmes, and H. S. Graeser of Woodland.

Newly arrived physicians awaiting fulfillment of residence requirements are: Doctors G. Babbins of Yolo County Hospital; R. Burns, urologist at Woodland Clinic; D. Frost, newly appointed Yolo County Health Officer; J. Gray, ophthalmologist at Woodland Clinic, replacing C. K. Mills (who is planning to move to Modesto); and A. E. Leivers, otolaryngologist at Woodland Clinic.

Special tribute should be paid to Dr. Fred Fairchild, widely known surgeon on the Woodland Clinic Hospital staff, who retired from active practice on July 1 of this year. He has served the profession well during his many years of practice, and fully deserves his retirement, intending to operate a buzz-saw at his home—a favorite hobby.

Meetings have been held once monthly in Woodland (except during July and August) on the first Wednesday evening. The attendance has averaged 72 per cent, exclusive of members away on military duty. It has been our policy to have some outside speaker, usually a specialist, talk at each meeting. A special Postgraduate Committee has been considered unnecessary for our small group, our programs being arranged by a committee composed of the president, vice-president, and secretary.

Among items of business recently taken up are the passage of an amendment to the by-laws providing for a Grievance Committee, the circulation of Basic Science Initiative petitions by individual members, and the formation of a coordinating committee for California Physicians' Service.

We feel that the Yolo County Medical Society's first year has been a success, and trust that our group will enjoy continued success in the future.

WILFRED T. ROBBINS,  
*Secretary.*

#### Yuba-Sutter-Colusa County Medical Society

As secretary of the Yuba-Sutter-Colusa County Medical Society, it is with reluctance that I submit the following report:

It seems that members of our society have been too busy individually to take the necessary interest in the problems of the Society attendance during the year, in spite of the fact that we had some very fine programs which were adequately advertised; and this has been the poorest in the past eight years.

Only one member was present at every meeting—Dr. R. Lucian Hamilton, who will shortly be a medical officer in the Army.

Two members missed only one meeting—Doctors Stanley R. Parkinson and Leon M. Swift.

Two members also have the honor of having attended no meetings during the year.

The Yuba-Sutter-Colusa County Medical Society's membership is twenty-five. Of this number, only twenty-two are active members.

At the beginning of the year, President Whitney appointed eleven committees, but only two have been working. The Hospital Relations Committee for the Yuba County Hospital (details of the set-up have been previously reported in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE) and the Program Committee, which has worked especially well to provide interesting, educational programs, as follows:

January 7—Doctor Beach of Sacramento spoke on "Traumatic Injuries to the Genito-Urinary System," illustrating

his paper with lantern slides and x-ray films. Doctor Seltzer, also of Sacramento, spoke on "Closed Abdominal Injuries and Autotransfusion." These papers were formally discussed by Dr. Joseph E. Tillotson of Colusa.

February 4—Dr. R. Lucian Hamilton showed colored motion pictures on Plastic Surgery for Dupuytren's; Hernioplasty; and Transverse Cervical Cesarean Section.

March 4—Dr. George Warren Pierce spoke on "Recent Advances in Reconstructive Surgery," and limited his lecture to cases in which burns were the etiologic factor; slides and motion pictures were shown. The Secretary gave a full report of the meeting of the annual Secretarial Conference, which he attended in San Francisco on February 22.

At the April, May, and June meetings, Dr. R. Lucian Hamilton showed films on Regional Anesthesia; Skin Grafting; Goiter Surgery; Repair of Cystocele and Rectocele; Total Hysterectomy; and Nephropexy. Dr. Stanley R. Parkinson reported on the State Medical Convention.

October 8—Army medical program arranged by Chairman Hamilton: "Aviation Medicine," discussed by Lieutenant Anthony M. Fratis; "Problems of Military Surgery," paper by Captain George C. Shivers; "The Army and Its Problems as I See Them," by Major Harold R. Hennessy; "Army Impressions," by Lieutenant Benjamin F. Miller.

November 12—Dr. Garnett Cheney was the guest speaker, who spoke on "Present-Day Management of Diarrheal States."

Of interest was a motion that instructed the Secretary to send a check for \$50 to the National Physicians' Committee. This check was mailed immediately.

The Yuba-Sutter-Colusa County Medical Society will have a meeting on December 10, at which time the officers for 1942 will be elected.

LEON M. SWIFT,  
*Secretary.*



#### NINTH DISTRICT

Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, and Trinity Counties; John W. Green, Vallejo, Councillor.



#### Humboldt County Medical Society

For the year 1941 the Humboldt County Medical Society has a paid-up membership of thirty-four. One of our members, Dr. Edgar Holm, died during the year, and three of our members—Doctors John S. Chain, Charles C. Falk Jr., and David N. McInturff, Jr.—are in active military service. Two physicians who have moved into the county—Dr. Fred Herzer of Garberville and Dr. Max Todd of Eureka—have applied for membership. Dr. Nathan Wasserman, a specialist in ear, nose and throat, has expressed a willingness to join our society as soon as he meets the six months' residence requirement.

Eight meetings were held during the year. One of these was a joint meeting with the Woman's Auxiliary. Outside guest speakers addressed three of our meetings. Several good sound moving-picture films on medical and surgical subjects were shown at other meetings.

Educational programs before lay groups, on cancer and tuberculosis, were sponsored by our society. Speakers furnished by us were: Doctors W. J. Quinn, Lane Falk, O. R. Myers, M. J. Goodman, Morris Krutchkoff, Fred Olson, Harry Jenkins, and J. S. Woolford.

Our society put on an educational exhibit at the Humboldt County Fair in Ferndale this year. Dr. Morris Krutchkoff was chairman of the County Fair Committee, and was assisted by Doctors L. G. Kramar, Fred A. Olson, J. M. Brown, and J. S. Woolford. Plans have been made to provide space in a permanent building for a yearly exhibit of this type.

Mr. Frank O. Erwin of the Intercoast Hospitalization Insurance Association started the sale of California Physicians' Service in this area, and has signed up a number of groups. The people of this section are familiar with sickness insurance because of the Union Labor Hospital and Medical Service tickets, which have been on sale for over thirty years, and because of similar services offered by the large lumber companies to their employees.

Dr. Lowell G. Kramar of Fortuna served us as president during 1941.

J. S. WOOLFORD,  
*Secretary.*



#### Marin County Medical Society

The Marin County Medical Society has now forty-three active members, with four additional in the Service. One member dropped out. Three new ones came in. None have left the county or died.

This county is remarkably free from cults. We have two osteopaths and several chiropractors, but very little is heard from any of them. There are no clinics in the county.

The County Society has held eight meetings this year, with an average attendance of sixteen. There were always

guests present. The meetings have been held at Deer Park Villa, Fairfax, but a change is contemplated for next year.

Several of the members have taken postgraduate courses during the past year, but not in relation to the Society.

The Woman's Auxiliary has continued to function very well. The ladies always have a separate program and there is usually a good attendance. We expect them to keep up on good work, as they always help to bring the doctor husband to the meeting, where all come to be better acquainted.

CARL W. CLARK,  
*Secretary.*



#### Mendocino-Lake County Medical Society

The number of active members in our society for this year is thirty. There was one transfer to another county unit, but we have two new members. Three members of the County Society are now in military service—two in the Army and one in the Navy. The Society has exempted these members from local dues.

In Mendocino and Lake Counties we have forty-one doctors of medicine who are licensed to practice; also one drugless practitioner.

The area of Mendocino County and of Lake County is so great that we find it inadvisable to hold more than four meetings a year. These meetings are conducted in different parts of the two counties each time, and are attended by twenty to thirty members. Our programs usually comprise a guest speaker, medical motion picture, or a round-table discussion. The wives of the members are invited to attend one of the yearly meetings.

Among some of our guest speakers of the past year were Dr. Leonard Hines of Santa Rosa, who spoke on "Hospital Care: The Responsibility of the Physician"; and Dr. Guy Trimble of Oakland, who discussed "Pulmonary Tuberculosis." Mrs. Howard R. Madeley of Vallejo spoke to the members of the Society on September 6, concerning the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association.

Dr. Henry Rogers and Dr. Dwight Murray have been the guests of the Society, and have ably discussed problems of the State Association.

Meeting notices, consisting of a mimeographed quarterly bulletin, are mailed to the members.

It is planned to hold a postgraduate conference early in 1942.

A Grievance Committee has been appointed by the Society, and a by-law has been adopted for such a committee.

At the next meeting of the Society, on December 15, the wives of the members are to assemble to discuss the formation of a Woman's Auxiliary.

OTTO L. GERICKE,  
*Secretary.*



#### Napa County Medical Society

Napa County Medical Society has just completed another successful year. This year we have the prospect of, and have taken in, six new members, all newcomers to the county.

Our monthly meetings have been based on refresher-type lectures by outstanding men from the Bay area, on various topics.

At the last monthly meeting, held at the Veterans' Home in Yountville, L. E. Charlesworth, was elected president; Walter H. Brignoli, vice-president; M. M. Booth, secretary-treasurer; Dwight H. Murray, delegate; and Allan K. McGrath, alternate.

In December we anticipate having the usual Christmas party which annually is devoted to a good time and is, as usual, non-scientific.

M. M. BOOTH,  
*Secretary.*



#### Siskiyou County Medical Society

During the past year our society has had seventeen members. One is in military service. We have exempted from local dues members who have gone into military service.

Six meetings were held during the year 1941, these being on call. Four of these meetings took the nature of clinical conferences. Two meetings were given over to questions of organization and legislative matters. Officers of the State Society were among the guest speakers.

Among the guest speakers on scientific topics were Dr. Cabot Brown of San Francisco, Dr. B. M. Palmer of Oakland, and Dr. Karl Meyer of San Francisco.

No action has been taken concerning the appointment of a grievance committee. In our county the proposed Basic Science law will probably receive approval.

We do not maintain a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

VICTOR W. HART,  
*Secretary.*



### Solano County Medical Society

Solano County now has sixty licensed physicians and surgeons, who may be classified as follows: Active members of Solano County Medical Society, 35; honorary members (on retired list), 2; active nonmembers, most of whom have been in the county a short time only, 9; full-time public health officer, 1; retired physicians, 8; licensed United States naval officers who do not practice privately, 7.

In addition to these, the County Society has recently lost one of its members of twenty years' practice in Vallejo in the death of Dr. Paul H. Reilly.

The Solano County Medical Society meets on the second Tuesday evening of each month, usually at the Casa de Vallejo Hotel, in Vallejo. We have a meeting each month, except July or August, making eleven meetings in each year. In July, each year, a four-county meeting is held, representing Marin, Sonoma, Napa, and Solano Counties.

We are particularly fortunate in having the Mare Island Naval Hospital within our bounds. The staff of the Naval Hospital cooperate with the County Society in taking an active part in our programs and social gatherings; and usually in June, each year, they entertain the Society, furnishing the program, which takes the place of our regular June meeting. In this connection, we want to express our sincere appreciation to the commanding officer, Captain C. J. Holeman; the former executive officer, Captain R. G. Davis; and the present executive officer, Captain A. H. Dearing, for their many courtesies, kind cooperation and active participation in the work of the Solano County Society during the year just passed, despite the added load placed on them by the greatly increased defense program.

The Solano County Medical Society has two of its members in active military service. The Society exempts such members from local dues.

The Society has a Grievance Committee which is functioning. The Society has amended its by-laws to conform to the adopted standards for medical defense purposes.

The Society has no headquarters at present and no immediate plans for the same. We have no library and no regular bulletin, notices being mailed out from the Secretary's office. We have not held any postgraduate activities on account of our proximity to San Francisco programs.

A Speakers' Bureau has been organized and has cooperated with and met the requests of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Solano County Medical Society, which has been quite active along the lines of medical education, civilian defense, and various Red Cross enterprises. It has also taken an active part as a distinct entity in promoting civic betterment in this crowded defense area. The latest of endeavors in which it has cooperated has been the putting over, in four days, a civic music organization.

The Solano County Hospital does not accept pay patients, except contagious diseases, requiring hospitalization and isolation. The superintendent, Dr. Felix Rossi, is an active member of the Solano County Medical Society.

Our members support the California Public Health League. The Society makes an annual contribution to the National Physicians' Committee for the Extension of Medical Service. Several of our members also individually contribute to the support of this organization.

The Solano County Medical Society has an active Legislative Committee. The Society is under no obligations to any newspaper, but proper contacts have elicited cooperation, and a change in the attitude of the newspapers to the Society and its accomplishments is very much in evidence.

During 1941, no meetings have been held with any other professional group, except that the members of the Solano County Nurses' Association were the guests of the Medical Society at the October meeting.

The programs of the Society's regular meetings are arranged by a committee, of which Dr. A. J. Ryan is chairman. They have brought us interesting programs throughout the year.

On January 14, Dr. Garnett Cheney spoke on the topic, "The Post-Influenza State." The discussion was carried on by Dr. Henry Rogers, Capt. C. J. Holeman of the Naval Hospital, Dr. D. H. Murray of Napa, Capt. R. G. Davis of the Naval Hospital, and several local members.

On February 11, Dr. Karl Schaupp of San Francisco addressed the Society on "The Menopause: Cause, Diagnosis, and Treatment." The discussion was led by Dr. Theodore Weller and Dr. Eugene Kleeman, Jr., of Oakland.

On March 11, Dr. C. T. Hayden of the University of California Hospital, talked on "Modern Prenatal Care: A Factor in the Reduction of Mortality." Dr. Chester Cooley of the French Hospital staff, San Francisco, led the discussion of Doctor Hayden's subject.

On April 8, Dr. Albert Rowe of Oakland and San Francisco presented to us "The Modern Concept of Bronchial Asthma: Its Diagnosis and Treatment." Doctor Rowe gave a masterful outline of the subject of allergy, punctuated by the use of slides. Dr. William Deamer of the University of California Hospital led the discussion.

The evening of May 13 brought Doctor Overstreet from the University of California staff to give us the benefits of the mass of information he had collected on "Vitamin K and Its Use in Obstetrics." He took up the story of vitamin K from the time its function was first recognized before the product was isolated and brought it down to its successful application to modern obstetrics, furnishing statistics (some of which as yet unreleased) to back up his statements. Doctor Lyons, also from the University of California staff, led the discussion, which was freely indulged in by many of the local men.

On June 17, the staff of the United States Naval Hospital, under Captain C. J. Holeman, entertained Marin, Sonoma, Napa, and Solano County Medical Societies, together with representatives from Letterman General Hospital, Stanford University Hospital, Medical Corps of the Twelfth Naval District, and various defense units of the Bay district. Over two hundred visiting physicians enjoyed a chicken dinner long to be remembered, followed by a professional program led by Captain Reed of the Twelfth Naval District. Our president of the California Medical Association, Dr. Henry Rogers, made a short talk, reporting on the American Medical Association meeting in Cleveland. Doctor Dearing gave the main paper of the evening, presenting the medical aspects of the invasion of foreign territory by water, tracing the various steps in the development of such a campaign up to the organization of a base hospital on foreign soil.

On July 1, a business meeting was held. Several matters of policy in handling the work of the County Medical Society were discussed. Among the topics considered and acted upon were: Coordinating Committee for California Physicians' Service; Committee on Industrial Health; and Civilian Defense.

On July 22, Solano County Medical Society entertained the officers of the California Medical Association, State Senators, Assemblymen, Superior Judges, Supervisors, and medical societies of Marin, Sonoma, and Napa Counties. The evening was purely social, and the 112 who attended felt that it was worth while.

On September 9, Dr. William B. Faulkner of San Francisco spoke to us on "Injuries of the Chest of Interest to the General Practitioner." This was an extremely interesting talk, and gave us the benefit of much recent work done in the treatment of the severe grade lesions.

At the October meeting, Dr. Frank Hand of San Francisco took up the "Complications of Upper Respiratory Infections." Discussion of this very interesting paper was indulged in by Dr. Malcolm Johnson, Captain Holeman, Doctor Marquette and Doctor Hilt of the United States Naval Hospital.

F. BURTON JONES,  
Secretary.

### Sonoma County Medical Society

Last year's membership was increased by the addition of seven new members, the total membership now consisting of seventy physicians. Three of our members are in military service. Military members are exempted from the payment of local dues.

Meetings were held monthly, except during July and August. The programs consisted of presentations by guest speakers and local members. In June the annual conference and dinner with members of the dental, pharmaceutical, and legal professions was held.

The reaction of citizens to the proposed Basic Science Initiative has been favorable.

The Woman's Auxiliary continues to carry on excellent work.

At the Sonoma County Hospital, thirty-five members of our society are on the attending staff. The County Hospital accepts part-pay patients. In connection with the County Hospital, five out-patient dispensaries are operated in the following places: Sonoma, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, and Healdsburg.

The Society presents radio programs over Station KSRO on each Tuesday.

JOHN O. RAFFETY,  
Secretary.

## COUNTY SOCIETIES†

### CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

#### New Members (17)

#### Alameda County (2)

Robert T. McMahon, Albany

John J. Phillips, Alameda

† For roster of officers of component county medical societies, see page 4 in front advertising section.



*Los Angeles County (8)*

W. W. Altig, *Long Beach*  
 Herschel H. Burston, *Los Angeles*  
 Cirino Finocchiaro, *Los Angeles*  
 William Gordon Garnett, *Pasadena*  
 Howard H. Groskloss, *Compton*  
 Jack Nichols, *Los Angeles*  
 Esther B. Sturgeon, *Los Angeles*  
 Richard V. Tysdale, *Los Angeles*

*San Bernardino County (2)*

G. John Leonard, *Twenty-Nine Palms*  
 Russell T. Smith, *Loma Linda*

*San Diego County (2)*

Edwin G. Kirby, *San Diego*  
 George M. Plagens, *San Diego*

*Santa Barbara County (2)*

Charles J. Betlach, *Santa Barbara*  
 Wray J. Tomlinson, *Santa Barbara*

*Sonoma County (1)*

William J. Rudee, *Santa Rosa*

**Transfers (3)**

Joel M. Gibbons, from San Bernardino County to Ventura County.

Malcolm C. Johnson, from San Francisco County to Solano County.

John N. Stewart, from Ventura County to Santa Barbara County.

## In Memoriam

**Fearon, William Max.** Died at Los Angeles, October 11, 1941, age 52. Graduate of College of Physicians and Surgeons, Los Angeles, 1913. Licensed in California in 1913. Doctor Fearon was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



**Harter, Thomas Hudson.** Died at Pasadena, October 20, 1941, age 51. Graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pennsylvania, 1914. Licensed in California in 1926. Doctor Harter was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.



**Holbrook, Edward Ferris.** Died at San Francisco, October 9, 1941, age 70. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1893. Licensed in California in 1894. Doctor Holbrook was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.



**Reilly, Paul Heron.** Died at Vallejo, October 7, 1941, age 77. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1901. Licensed in California in 1901. Doctor Reilly was a member of the Solano County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**OBITUARY**

**Ellen Smith Stadtmuller**  
**1883-1941**

Ellen Smith Stadtmuller, for nearly twenty years Chief of the Bureau of Child Hygiene of the California State Department of Public Health, died at Children's Hospital, San Francisco, Tuesday afternoon, November 25, 1941. She had been ill for more than six months, but was able to resume her work a few weeks before her demise.

Member of a pioneer San Francisco family, Doctor Stadtmuller spent most of her life in the city of her birth. She received her A. B. degree from Stanford University in 1907 and a degree in medicine from the University of California Medical School in 1912. She was licensed to practice medicine in California during the same year and for ten years was engaged in private practice in San Francisco. During that period she was an instructor in pediatrics at the University of California Medical School and medical officer at the San Francisco State Teachers' College. She also served as visiting physician to the San Francisco Nursery for Homeless Children and was on the staff of Children's Hospital.

Her appointment as Chief of the Bureau of Child Hygiene came in 1922 and during her service in that position the state infant mortality rate fell from 71.1 in 1922 to 39.4 in 1940. She was largely instrumental in the development of a state-wide interest in pediatrics and maternal hygiene and secured the cooperation of hundreds of Californian physicians in the maintenance of local conferences where local underprivileged children receive physical examinations. Her passing leaves a distinct void among women practitioners of medicine in California, as well as in the nation-wide group of progressive women who have battled for the advancement of standards in maternal and child hygiene.

## THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION†

**MRS. HARRY O. HUND**.....President  
**MRS. RENE VAN DE CARR**.....Chairman on Publicity  
**MRS. ROSSNER GRAHAM**.....Asst. Chairman on Publicity

**News Items**

Alameda County has planned a very full meeting for November. As has been the custom, new members are honored at this meeting, with a special luncheon table and each one is introduced at the beginning of the meeting.

Dr. Frank R. Makinson, Alameda County Chairman of the Public Health League, will explain fully the Basic Science Law. Questions will be in order, and petitions regarding this law are to be sent to each Auxiliary member.

Dr. Ira O. Church, Assistant Medical Director and County Health Officer of Alameda County, will give a talk on *Trends in Public Health*.



The first meeting of the Fresno Auxiliary on October 7 was honored by the presence of the state president, Mrs. Harry O. Hund. A dinner was held at the Omar Khayyam, about thirty-five members attending. Later, at the University Sequoia Club, Mrs. Hund spoke on the responsibilities of the Auxiliary and outlined the program for the year.

† Reports of county chairmen of publicity should reach Mrs. Rossner Graham, Assistant Chairman of Publicity, 6101 Acacia, Oakland, by the tenth of the month previous to publication. Address of the Chairman of Publicity: Mrs. Rene Van de Carr, 51 Prospect Road, Piedmont. For roster of state and county officers, see page 6, in front advertising section.

Mrs. Hund was welcomed by the president, Mrs. J. R. Walker, who presented the members of her board: Mrs. A. E. Anderson of Fresno, second national vice-president; Mrs. Kenneth Staniford, chairman of cancer control of California; and Mrs. Alto Diedrich, member of the Nominating Committee.

The business meeting was followed by a delightful book review, "How Many Heroes Are You?"

Mrs. Samuel P. Burre was hostess to the Humboldt County Auxiliary which met at her home on November 3.

Guest speaker of the evening was Mrs. Alice Osborne, attendance officer to the Eureka public schools. Mrs. Osborne gave a most interesting résumé of the splendid work accomplished by her T. S. L. Girls' Club, the initials being for Tolerance, Service, and Loyalty. Just a year ago, seven girls met with Mrs. Osborne to form a club for underprivileged senior and junior high school girls who were not affiliated with other clubs or organizations. During the first year fifty-three girls attended meetings, but due to national defense employment, many parents of the girl members moved away, diminishing the membership to twenty-two. The present club members expect to build up to an active roll call of fifty-five members before the year is ended.

Mrs. Osborne's address was an incentive for the Auxiliary to do something for these girls. It was decided that they be given a Christmas party, the date to be announced later.

The regular luncheon meeting of the Los Angeles County Auxiliary was held at the Women's Athletic Club on October 28.

Mr. Kenneth Roberts, magazine and newspaper correspondent, gave an interesting and enlightening talk on *Let's Face South*, dealing with Pan-American relations as he studied them on his recent visit to South America. He spoke about the alarming results of the inroads of German influence and penetration of that country.

Honored guests were officers of the Los Angeles County Medical Association. Many of the one hundred Auxiliary members present offered to "adopt" two draftees for Saturday, November 22. These boys will be guests of the city and county of Los Angeles for that week-end, and it is planned that the women call for them at their camp in Exposition Park and take them on a tour of the city and then home to dinner, and finally return them to camp in the evening.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Marin County met at Deer Park Villa on October 23 for the usual dinner meeting. There were twenty members and five guests present. The guests were wives of medical men living in the North Bay area and who are connected with national defense.

Mrs. John Taylor, first vice-president, presided in the absence of Mrs. Harry Hensler, President. The Auxiliary donated money to purchase two blood plasma kits for the British blood bank.

At this meeting, the state president, Mrs. Harry O. Hund, who is also one of the members of the Marin Auxiliary, talked about the many projects of the State Auxiliary, advising members to keep in close touch with all the various lay organizations in the community and also to assist with the work of the Basic Science Law.

Dr. Leo L. Stanley, who is the author of a recent book, "Men at Their Worst," told of his work in San Quentin and reviewed the history of that institution from its beginning to the present time. He spoke of the present-day treatment of the physically and mentally ill, and showed how much treatment has progressed in the last decade.

The Monterey County Auxiliary held its regular meeting at Sade's Restaurant in Carmel on October 15. Lunch was followed by a talk on the Basic Science Law by Dr. Mast Wolfson of Monterey.

Forty-five members and guests were present. Bridge was enjoyed for the remainder of the afternoon.

The San Diego County Auxiliary held its October meeting at the University Club on the 14th. It was announced that the next month's meeting would be the annual bridge benefit, the proceeds to be used for the Benevolence Fund.

The meeting was turned over to Dr. C. W. Hartsough, who gave an interesting and amusing discussion on *The Common Misconceptions of Mental Hygiene*.

A very active year has been planned for participation of members, their friends, and the wives of visiting or military physicians.

November 5 was a great day for the members of the San Francisco Auxiliary when they responded 100 per cent in entertaining men in the service at the San Francisco Hospitality House. At least one thousand men were served sandwiches, doughnuts, coffee, and punch.

In the afternoon, daughters of members acted as junior hostesses and helped to entertain the men by dancing and playing cards. In the evening the girls from the training schools of Stanford and of the University of California acted as hostesses. It was an undertaking well worth while, and members who came to stay only a few minutes remained for hours to help make the day a success.

The regular meeting was held on October 21, with Miss Beatrice Carpenter as the speaker. Miss Carpenter is chairman of the Food and Nutrition Section of the Home Economics Section of the Bay area. Her subject was *Nutrition for Defense*.

Miss Carpenter stated that today 40 per cent of the people of America are undernourished, and that this group does not necessarily mean the lower income groups, but that ignorance of food values makes people lack the vital foods which are essential in life itself. Her talk was full of interest on this subject and she suggested that a study of food values is essential to a healthy people and that one's own doctor is capable of prescribing a healthful diet which is, incidentally, a short cut to the necessary information.

The San Mateo Auxiliary opened its season with a tea at the Hillsborough home of Mrs. Olin Holmes on September 30. Eligible prospective members, as well as regular members were invited to attend.

Following a Board meeting on October 17 in the social hall at Gunst Park, Mrs. Ruth Close, Executive Secretary to the San Mateo Tuberculosis and Health Association, spoke on *Health, the First Line of Defense*.

Mrs. Close proposed the following project to the Auxiliary: "In the light of the findings of the million of rejected selectees, it would be in keeping with good public health service to look into the health of the future citizens of San Mateo County."

More than seventy members of the San Mateo County Medical Society and the Auxiliary attended the annual joint banquet of the two organizations on October 21 at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

Dr. Leo L. Stanley, chief surgeon at San Quentin prison, explained the medical set-up and cited improvements which have been made in the more than twenty years he has been physician there.

On November 3, the Santa Clara County Auxiliary held its second meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Donald Threfall in San Jose. Mrs. Harry O. Hund, State Presi-

dent, attended the meeting and spoke to the gathering, stressing the need of coöperation among Auxiliary members for the work on the defense program.

Plans were made for a membership tea to be given in December, each member being responsible for bringing one new members to the tea. Tentative plans were made to put on a dinner for a group of soldiers from Moffett Field.

Mr. Jack Green presented a very interesting program based on the subject of art and music, displaying many famous paintings as well as entertaining the audience with several piano solos. Tea was served by the Hostess Committee.

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A busy season is beginning with the Santa Cruz Auxiliary. The first meeting honored Mrs. Harry O. Hund, State President.

Invitations have been issued for Army doctors' wives in the community and to all other eligible wives to join the organization. The Auxiliary voted a sum of money to the State Benevolence Fund, and started the wheels in motion for defense work.

## CALIFORNIA PHYSICIANS' SERVICE†

### Beneficiary Membership

September, 1939 .....	1,220
March, 1940 .....	9,322
September, 1940 .....	17,398
March, 1941 .....	24,107
September, 1941 .....	30,215
October 31, 1941 .....	32,027

On December 1, 1941, a considerable number of the new surgical benefit contracts will become effective. Since the benefits under this are so different from anything we have previously offered, a word of explanation to physicians seems in order.

1. Surgical plan members will carry a green identification card.

2. The dependents of the member will carry a white card with a distinguishing green stripe.

It should be noted that California Physicians' Service defines dependents eligible for service under the surgical contract as "the spouse and the unmarried children over the age of thirty days and under the age of nineteen." No other relatives, even though they may be financially dependent upon the employed member and living in the home, are included in the "Family Contract."

### 3. Definition of surgical services:

The terms "surgical services" and "operative procedures" as used herein include procedures involving cutting, incision or manipulation under anesthesia, local or general, but do not include the use of needles, cannulas or trochars, catheters or any fluid-carrying instrument or apparatus for the withdrawal of blood or other fluid, normal or abnormal, or tissue or the injection of any substance either for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes nor do they include the use of instruments or apparatus designed for the visualization of hollow organs or body cavities.

"Surgical Services" which are within the benefits of this contract are all operative procedures for the treatment of illnesses and injuries, including fractures and dislocations.

4. There is a one-year waiting period for herniotomy, tonsillectomy, adenoidectomy and nasal septum operations.

5. Any condition requiring surgery is covered, even though it may have been present before membership was acquired. This does away with the so-called "preëxisting" clause. (It is to be remembered that this applies only to the surgical contract.)

6. *X-Ray*: California Physicians' Service is only responsible for diagnostic x-ray if and while the member is a *registered bed patient in a hospital*. X-ray therapy is not included.

7. *Laboratory*: Again California Physicians' Service is only responsible if and while the member is a *registered bed patient in a hospital*. And, *furthermore*, these are specifically limited to ordinary clinical laboratory services, *i. e.*, urinalysis, blood counts, coagulation time and smears. This will mean that California Physicians' Service will not be responsible for such procedures as blood chemistry, cultures, or pathological examination of tissues.

8. The above provisions are important to remember, since under the surgical contract physicians may not bill California Physicians' Service for any x-ray and laboratory work performed in their own offices.

9. Questions which may arise regarding benefits under the surgical contract should be referred to the California Physicians' Service offices in Los Angeles or San Francisco.

*Overdosage with Sulfathiazole Causes Man's Death.* Apparently the first death due to sulfathiazole overdosage, illustrating the hazards of self-medication and the ignoring of a physician's orders, is reported by Doctors Archibald L. Hoyne and Granville W. Larimore of Chicago in *The Journal of the American Medical Association* for October 18.

"Our patient," they say, "was one in whom acute agranulocytic angina [absence of the granular white blood cells] with a fatal termination followed the taking of sulfathiazole over a comparatively long period of time."

The history of the case is as follows: "A white man, aged thirty-four, was sent to the Municipal Contagious Disease Hospital on March 9, 1941, with a diagnosis of laryngeal diphtheria.

"The history obtained from relatives was sudden onset with chills, fever, and sore throat. The sore throat became progressively worse, as did the general condition, until on admission to the hospital, which was the fourth day of illness, the patient was virtually moribund [at the point of death]. . . . It was stated that he had always enjoyed good health until January 9, 1941, at which time, fearing that he had contracted gonorrhea, he visited a physician and related a story of venereal exposure and vague genitourinary symptoms. 'There was no urethral discharge present.' The physician prescribed sulfathiazole. . . . The original prescription was for twenty tablets and instructions were to have it refilled only once.

"However, according to relatives, the patient was able to obtain additional supplies of the drug and continued using it in varying amounts, taking from two to eight tablets a day. . . . The patient [according to his relatives' estimates] took approximately 200 tablets . . . during a period of nearly two months.

"On admission the patient was fairly well nourished but somewhat dehydrated [deficiency of water in the body]. . . . The throat was moderately red and edematous [swollen]. . . . The lips and finger-nail beds were cyanotic [blue].

"Because of the labored respiratory effort the patient was placed immediately in an oxygen tent. Blood and intravenous [into a vein] fluids were administered. Death ensued nine hours after admission.

"At autopsy the gross pathologic findings, together with microscopic study of bone marrow sections, confirmed the diagnosis of acute agranulocytic angina."

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